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'START ME UP'

Students start off the new year on a new beat

During the summer of '95 WHS went through some minor adjustments. So much had changed; new students, new staff members, and also a new head football coach. The biggest change is the name of our school. What was once called Whiting Junior-Senior High School is now specifically called WHITING HIGH SCHOOL. These are just some examples of the changes at WHS. Now that the school year is underway, students rapidly made the adjustment to the numerous changes without any difficulty. The OILERS are back heading down the hallways jammin' to a new beat.

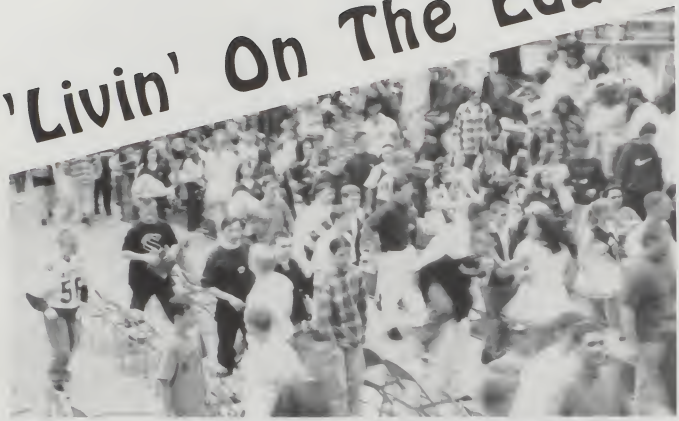
Leticia Roman

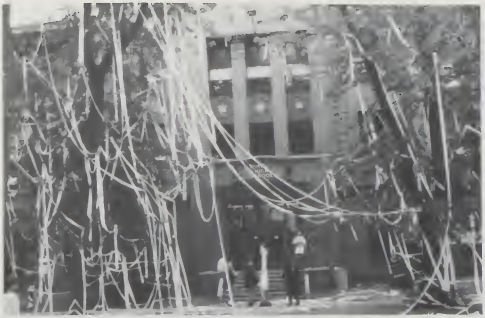
The cheerleaders show all their stunts at the football game.

Class of '96 did a heck of a job teepeeing WHS for Homecoming.

The first year Pom Squad rehearses before the Homecoming parade.

'Livin' On The Edge'





Student Life

'I Had the Time of My Life'

Homecoming is a memorable event to WHS students

Spirit filled the air as Homecoming week visited Whiting High School once again.

Decorating class bulletin boards and floats, and selecting the class attendants, as well as the King and Queen nominees were just a small sample of all the Homecoming activities.

The theme chosen for this year's Homecoming week was "Food," and the freshmen class took top honors in the competition for the best bulletin board, titled "Pop Up An Oiler Victory."

In the float competition, the junior class captured the prize with its float, titled "Stuff 'Em." Meanwhile, the senior class was the overall winner during Spirit Week, because it had the most students who dressed the part in the week-long activities, which included '50's Day, Dress-Up Day, Color Day, Tie Day, and the traditional Green and White Day. The senior class, determined by faculty and administrators, also displayed the most spirit at the pep assembly, and were awarded the Spirit Stick.

The pep assembly this year began with the school band marching through the halls, and escorting each class to the gymnasium. At the assembly, the activities included, honoring and recognizing all of the Whiting fall sports teams. Students of all grades showed their spirit by screaming at the top of their lungs, painting their faces, and dressing in green and white.

The crowning of the King and Queen took place at halftime of the varsity football team's first victory game of the season. Junior Rodriquez and Kelly Moskalick were crowned King and Queen, respectively.

The annual Homecoming Dance took place the following evening in the girl's gymnasium, from 7-10 p.m., with music provided by BNT.

Although Homecoming was minus a bonfire for the first time in many years, still it was a time when memories were made.

"It was very memorable," senior **Melissa Matuska** said, "because I was nominated for Homecoming Queen and I had a good time with my friends."

Afterall, that is what Homecoming is all about . . . establishing memories that will last a lifetime.

Gina Dado

At the pep assembly, the senior football players reminisce about the past three years of playing football.

Senior attendants, Jason Earl and Melissa Matuska nervously walk to to the center of the football field to await the results.

The 1995 Homecoming Court includes(left to right) freshmen Dave Verta and Sandra Fernandez sophomores Chris Moore and Jenny Thamm juniors Erbey Solis and Beth Dybel seniors Junior Rodriguez Kelly Moskalick Mark Walczack Samantha Morando Jason Earl and Melissa Matuska.

Junior Rodriguez and Kelly Moskalick glady take the honor of being crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Sophomores, Tiffany Svitko and Joan Musak, bring back the 1950's with their poodle skirts and pony tails during Spirit Week.

Sophomores Jaime Melgoza and Nick Dado show that they have pride in their class by carrying the "sophs" banner to the assembly.

The freshmen class float looks really "corn"-y as it strolls down 119th Street during the parade.

'Take a Bow'

Whiting High School Drama Club acts their way through the fall

Running around the set, the cast of "In 25 Words or Death" are in search of murderers. Diamond smugglers have their thug in search of the "lucky contest winners" who they believe to be after the diamonds, too. Things get crazy in this farce as the plot unfolds.

Many newcomers were added to this year's cast, including many freshmen, who entered the spotlight for the first time at Whiting. Along with new actors/actresses, another change was made, Mrs. Reinhardt had student directors helping her out. When asked how students felt about this change, **Tiffany Svitko**, sophomore, said, "I think that the student directors help make Mrs. Reinhardt's job a little easier."

Many of the students who had seen the play enjoyed it. **April Murray**, a junior, commented, "I thought the play was good. It kept me on edge, while it made me laugh." She and others agree that the play was a success.

Kathleen Bogs
Rachel Morgan

As anxiety rises, Frank Skiba, a caring friend, calms the nervous cast.

Best pals, Tony Hobson and Frank Skiba confess their thoughts as they relax.

Coming in from the cold, Tony Hobson shares his horror story.

Fearful of the threatening "Twizzlers," Mauricio Rosendo shows his torment.

Mandy Meyers and Frank Skiba discuss their emotions as they become friendly.

Upset by the outcome, the deceitful duo sit and ponder the thought of prison.

Impatiently awaiting a reply from exhausted Jackie Matejko, Terri Shebish looks to others for support.

'Joy to the World'

WHS students bring joy to the less fortunate

Ha-Ha-Ha! Ha-Ha-Ha! These were the roars of laughter arising from homerooms all around Whiting High School and Middle School as the words of the IU and Purdue fight songs were sung by Mr. Laub and (recited by) Mr. Adkins, respectively. Or were you one among the many giggling when Counselors Mr. Klosek and Mrs. Schoen danced alongside senior Carolina Fernandez at the assembly on Dec. 20th?

These were just two of the wacky stunts the faculty of Whiting High School and Middle School performed after reaching each goal in the Second Annual Christmas Toy Drive. However, this year the student body solely donated money to the less fortunate residents of the community. **Mrs. Klochan**, who organized the project with Mrs. Mindas and Mrs. Reinhart, said, "After Mrs. Mindas talked to Mrs. Moynihan, she suggested that money would be more useful because other companies and organizations were donating toys." So the money poured in every 3rd hour for the Middle School and 4th hour for the High School beginning on Dec. 4th in hopes of attaining the grand total of $500 in which the students received an assembly. The goal was reached and then some. When asked on how she felt about the student body going beyond the intended total, sophomore **Jennifer Thamm** enthusiastically said, "I'd have to say that I'm very proud of the money our school has raised and I hope by us doing this well this year, we can get twice as much next year!" With this altruism, it is no wonder the Christmas spirit was high and hence, it supported a good cause.

Loan Pham

Is Mrs. Thrall protesting? No, she's just rallying for the assembly.

Counselors Mr. Klosek and Mrs. Schoen learn new grooves from Senior Carolina Fernandez.

Senior Kelly Moskalick tries to win the marshmellow race for her team.

The Blues Brothers are reincarnated in Secretaries Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Justak for a day.

Performing the YMCA dance is Mr. Kuhnz, the construction worker.

Dress-up game winners are juniors Rosa Rodriguez and Sarah Thrope.

'I'll Stand By You'

Students and Community stand together through all

Well now that the basketball and wrestling seasons were completed, the scene at W.H.S. quickly turned to the expectation of the Sectional Dance again!. The Sectional Dance was held in the Middle School gym on Feb. 24, 1996. The theme was 'I'll Stand By You', and it was sponsored by the Student Council. And, for the first time, the first 150 students to attend received a free keychain. To our surprise, 175 students attended this year's dance. Along with the freebee, a grand donation from the tickets was given to families who lost their belongings in a fire in our hometown. **Sarah Thorpe** said: "I think our school did a good deed for our community." But, of course, you can't have a Sectional dance without a royal court! The 1996 Sectional court included freshmen Sarah Makis and Maury Raycroft; sophomores Elizabeth Fetsis and Joe Flores; while juniors Jenny Rodriguez and Joe Rivers held the title as Princess and Prince. The candidates for Queen were Kelly Fritz, Jennifer Kovacik, and Leticia Roman. The King candidates were Robbie Biella, Joe Curosh, and Adam Kulak. The Sectional night ended with Leticia Roman and Joe Curosh taking home the honor of being crowned Queen and King. After all the preparations and the excitement of looking for a date and deciding what to wear, the Sectional dance was a great success at W.H.S.

Leticia Roman

Like duh, Nick, can't you dance? ask L. Giglio and S. Wright.

1996 Court A.Kulak, J. Kovacik, R. Biella, J. Curosh, (sitting) L. Roman.

M. Moynihan and J. Fusner cast their votes for King and Queen.

L.Lesar and M. Rosendo are too cool for this happy dance!

M. Raycroft, S. Makis, J. Flores, E. Fetsis, J. Rivers, and J. Rodriguez.

Freshmen girls get up and show what they got.

'O' Happy Day'

For the cast of "Cinemagic", the day of the performance was a happy one

With the stage set and the singers ready, the musical "Cinemagic" opened with a bang!

Singing songs to different musicals, several of the singers acted out various scenes. Some of the songs included "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair," and "Matchmaker."

Singing and acting out both of those songs was **Joan Musak**, who said she enjoyed singing "Matchmaker."

"I enjoyed doing "Matchmaker" more than the other songs because I had a solo and there were only three of us on the stage," she said.

Even though that song only took three people, many of the performances required a lot of people and a great deal of cooperation. Backed by those attributes, the musical proved to be highly successful.

Rachel Morgan

Sophomores Tiffany Svitko & Jackie Matejko perform a tune together.

The choir move to the beat during "Lean On Me."

The spirit of the 60's is felt with a rendition from "Godspell."

Acting as Seymour from "Little Shop of Horrors," is senior Tony Hobson.

Sophomore Katie Hayes dances to "We Go Together."

'We've got Tonight'

Whiting High School Celebrates Prom '96

The day that students anxiously await all year finally arrived on a unusually warm May 18 evening. Temperatures surpassed 90 degrees as Whiting High School students celebrated their Prom event.

Students enjoyed music, dancing and the food at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond where couples convened for the school's annual Prom. The theme of the 1996 Prom was "We've Got Tonight." This year's event featured JPC Productions as the disc jockey. In addition to the the deejay, kareoke was also featured for the first time in Whiting history at the Prom.

Junior Class President Jayson Knazur and Vice President Lisa Zubeck presented the crowns to the 1996 Prom King and Queen. The honor went to seniors **Mike Partin** and **Lisa Giglio**.

"I was really surprised," Partin said. "I'll remember this for a long time."

Said Giglio: "I was very happy to be Prom Queen. When I was little I wanted to be the queen. So I guess that wishing paid off."

The Prince and Princess awards went to juniors Jorge Del Real and Melissa Adkins.

Prom 1996 was a huge success. It was enjoyed by many and the memories will be cherished for a lifetime.

Jayson Knazur

A group of prom-goers sit at their table before dinner.

Look at all these "chickens." Prom dancers groove to the "chicken."

The Prom King Mike Partin and Queen Lisa Giglio along with Princess Melissa Adkins and Prince Jorge Del Real pose for a picture.

Junior Danny Lakes gets "down."

Singing kareoke are juniors Kelly Vaught and Beth Dybel.

'Personality'

People

Ms. Barbara Justak: Attendance Clerk & Athlete Secretary

Mrs. Lucy Leyba: Whiting High School Bookkeeper

Mrs. Linda Wilson: Secretary to Principal & Counselor

Mr. Dirk Flick: Whiting High Principal

Dr. Manwaring: School City of WhitingSuperintendent

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Leyba show their school spirit during Homecoming week.

Mr. Bob Klosek: Whiting High School Counselor

Mrs. Carol Schoen: Whiting High & Middle High School Counselor

Mr. John Willaims: Administration Assistant

Administration members: (standing) Mrs. Lindy Fisher-Receptionist, Mrs. Anne Laurie Rowden-Accounts Payable, Mrs. Sally Kieth-Maintance, Mrs. Sharon Cooper-Payroll Supervisor. (sitting) Mrs. Sandy Cain-Treasurer, Mrs. Christy Boyle-Receptionist, and Mrs. Jennifer Halliar-Superintendents Secretary.

Board of School Trustees: Jerry Moynihan, Kenneth Zubeck, Amelia Velez, and Tracy D. Sabol (not pictured James Buckley.)

Mr. Don Adkins: Social Studies Dept. Head, Junior Class Sponsor.

Ms. Mary Anagnos: Foreign Language.

Mr. Jeff Cain: Industrial Arts, Head Football Coach.

Mr. Scott Campbell: Science, Tennis Coach, Asst. Wrestling Coach.

Ms. Kim Fentress: Math.

Ms. Kathryn Flaris: English Dept. Head. Academic Team Coach

Mr. Jeff Foss: English, *Reflector, Tattler.*

Mrs. Jean Fritz: Health, P.E

Ms. Nicole Genito: Special Education.

Ms. Betty Guaccio: English.

Mrs. Kathleen Herochik: Math. Academic Team Coach.

Mrs. Marina Klochan: Foreign Language, Spanish Club Sponsor

Mr. Bob Kuhnz: Band

Ms. Kathy LaBorde: Special Education, Soph. Class Sponsor

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Mr. Paul Laub: Math Dept. Head, Softball & Basketball Head Coach

FACULTY

Mrs. Gail Lemon: Business Dept. Head.

Mrs. Evelyn Leonhardt: Foreign Language.

Mr. Scott Micklo: Math, Basketball & Cross Country Head Coach

Mrs. Rena Mindas: Art, Crafts, Cermanics, Frosh Class Sponsor

Mr. Dan Nichols: Science, Academic Team Coach

Ms. Loretta Raycroft: Science, Envionmental Club Sponsor

Mr. Bill Rebey: Industrial Arts Dept. Head, Wrestling Head Coach

Mrs. Melinda Reinhart: Music, Choir.

Mr. Rick Shanley: History, Asst. Football Coach, Academic Team Coach

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Mr. John Sorota: Science Dept. Head, Math, Computers.

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Mr. Ron Vrabel: Social Studies, Sr. High Student Council Sponsor.

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Mark Halliar
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David Hoover
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Veronica Kelly
Tami Legg
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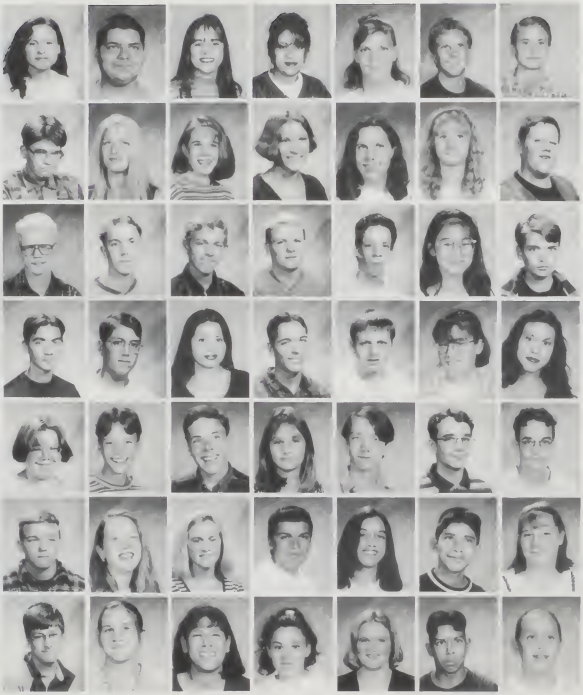

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Cory Taylor
Joe Thomas
James Turner
Shawn Turpin
Gino Urbina
Jason Vanderberg
Jose Vasquez
David Verta
Dan Vujko
Aaron Weller
Philip Wetnight
Ryan Williams
Nathan Wilson
Pablo Zacarias
Mark Zareer
Tim Zubeck

This lovely group of freshmen stop for a quick pic at the 1995 Homecoming Dance.

Class of '99

SOPHOMORES

Melissa Applegate
Joe Balind
Julio Barrera
Amy Bock
Lisa Bringle
Tom Callas
Eric Casillas
Nick Dado
Melissa De La Vega
Wendy Douglas
Jessica Earl
Margaret Egde
Elizabeth Fetsis
Kathy Fisher
Joe Flores
James Ford
Brandy Garcia
Marc Giglio
Jesse Gonzalez
Kristy Gonzalez
Melissa Granberg
Alex Green
Greg Gulvas
Phil Harris
Katie Hayes
Liz Herman
Amanda Irvine
Brett Jennings
George Kollintzas
John Kontrik
Holly Kosalko
Mark Koval
Elizabeth Kowal
Sarah Krause
Nick Leyba
Denise Lopez
Mike Lopez
Jackie Matejko
Nick McNinch
Jaime Melgoza
Kelley Meyerhoff
Mandy Meyers
Alfredo Montero
Chris Moore
Joan Musak
Michael Nagy
Josh Noojin
Laura Owczarzak
Moses Paez

Carissa Perez
Gerri Polak
Shawn Roberts
Morgan Robinson
Patty Rodriguez
Jaun Rosendo
Gina Rudy
Pete Sanchez
Susan Shade
Daniel Skonicki
Melissa Spencer
Eileen Stahura
Tiffany Svitko
Jennifer Thamm
Mike Toleikis
Veronica Torres
Michael Toth
Jake Trent
Jimmy Trzepacz
Paul Wetnight
Anthony White
Mike Yurkanin

Sophomores Melissa De la Vega, Eileen Stahura, Jeannie Fusner, Gina Rudy, Jenny Thamm, and Jessica Earl always have time to smile.

Class of '98

JUNIORS

Melissa Adkins
Glenda Aguilera
Lisa Banaszak
Lisa Bayless
Terry Boatwright
Joe Brewer
Aaron Carter
Andres Casillas
Jimmy Clark
Harvey Cox
Jorge Del Real
Nicole DeBold
Adrienne Deluna
Beth Dybel
Mike Furto
Aimee Gollnick
Joseph Hernandez
Joe Holtrop
Jayson Knazur
Kevin Krieps
Tony Kwintera
Daniel Lakes
Tom Legg
Laurie Lesar
Barbie Maleckar
Michelle Manaugh
Joe Markovich
Kimberly Mikulski
Rachael Morgan
April Murray
Jill Netherton
Azucena Perez
Josh Plemons
Heather Polak
Bonnie Prskalo
Kevin Puhek
Bryan Raymond
Randy Reel
Joe Rivers
Shevon Robinson
Jenny Rodriguez
Rosa Rodriguez
Mauricio Rosendo
Dan Sanchez
Theresa Shebish
Erbey Solis
Joe Stanley
Paul Swider
Sarah Thorpe

John Tokoly
Joe Tolbertson
Heather Trojnar
Kelly Vaught
Jim Weller
Mike Wenglarz
Eddie White
Jeff Winn
Crystal Wright
Lisa Zubeck

Class of '97

Rosa Rodriguez, Joey Brewer, and Harvey Cox leave their school spirit all over the junior hallway.

The junior class gets wild at the pep assembly with the hopes of winning the Spirit Stick.

'Don't You Forget About Me'

Seniors

Christina Ann Alanz
"Tina"

Tennis 2; Mat Maid 2; Spanish Club 234, F.B.L.A. 34, Secretary 4, Concession Worker 34, Office Aide 3; *Tattler* 4, Opinion Editor; SADD 34, Secretary 4; Honor Roll 4; Journalism Workshop 4. Latino Scholar Award. Future Plans: be an accountant, hopefully still with Joey and not living with my parents. Likes: hanging with my girls (you know who you are), partying, freestyle & hearthrob music. Dislikes: backstabbers, phony people, working.

Christine Lynn Alexander
"Christy"

Basketball 123; Soccer 12; Volleyball 23; Stat Person 2; Art Club 1234, Booster Club 1234; F.E.A. 123; Industrial Tech Club 1234; Spanish Club 1234, F.B.L.A. 1234, "W" Club 234; Physics Club 4; Cheerleader 3; Concert Band 12; Pep Band 12; Marching Band 12; Academic Team 1234; Concession Worker 34; Class Officer 1234, President; Student Council 1234, Treasurer 4; Scholarship "W" 123; National Honor Society 34, Kiwanis Top Ten 34; SADD 1234, Principal's Honor Roll 1234; Honor Roll 1234, Hugh O'Brian 2. Future Plans: attend Purdue and major in pharmacy. Likes: the color red, spending time with Bob, monkeys, summer, sleeping, my true friends. Dislikes: liars, being broke, waking up early.

Randy Andersen

Football 4; Art Club 2; Spanish Club 234; F.B.L.A. 4; Physics Club 4, Treasurer; Academic Team 234, Captain 4; Student Council 4; Scholarship "W" 234; National Honor Society 34, Kiwanis Top Ten 34, Boys' State Delegate; SADD 4; Bausch & Lomb 3; Principal's Honor Roll 234; Valedictorian; Senator Lugar 4; Xerox Award; ISU Summer Honors Program; Who's Who; U.S. National Leadership Award; Academic All-Stars; Indiana Academic All-Stars Nominee; Purdue University Calumet 1996 High School Mathematics Competition. Future Plans: attend Purdue and major in aeronautical/astronautical engineering, rake in the cash. Likes: Mancow, the Bulls. Dislikes: country music, Howard Stern.

Ann Marie Austin
"Annie"

Art Club 234, F.E.A. 1234, Spanish Club 1234; Office Aide 3; Teacher Aide 4; *Reflector* 3; SADD 1234. Future Plans: attend college and work towards a degree in psychology and lead a very successful life. Likes: laughing, keeping in touch with old friends, the Chicago Bulls, meeting new people. Dislikes: people who "judge a book by its cover," goodbyes, back seat drivers.

Keith James Bayus

Honor Roll 1. Future Plans: attend trade school and become a diesel mechanic. Likes: working on cars, hunting, fishing. Dislikes: people who are mean to others, liars.

Robert Biella

Football 13; Sectionals King Candidate 4; Ivy Tech 34. Future Plans: trade school. Likes: attending trade school. Dislikes: sitting in class for more than an hour.

Tina Marie Bishop

Art Club 34, Cheerleader 34. Future Plans: attend school to become a cosmotologist. Likes: food, J.V. cheerleading, the year 1996. Dislikes: work, March 30,1995, red trucks.

Kathleen Jean Bogs
"Boggers"

Tennis 234, Art Club 1234; Booster Club 4; F.E.A. 123; German Club 1234, Secretary 4; "W" Club 4; Physics Club 4, Secretary; Drama 4; All-School Plays 1; Academic Team 234; Library Aide 3; Student Council 4, President; Scholarship "W" 13; *Reflector* 4; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Principal's Honor Roll 34; Honor Roll 12; National Honor Society 4; Journalism Workshop 4; Who's Who 1234. Future Plans: attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to become a chemical engineer. Likes: Jim Carey movies, tennis, Rik, money, "nice guys." Dislikes: ignorant & egotistical people.

SENIORS 1996

Jose Abel Carrillo

Football 1234; Soccer 2; Wrestling 3; Art Club 4; Industrial Tech Club 234; Spanish Club 3; "W" Club 4; CAD-CAM Drawing State Comp. 3rd place, Times scholarship. Future Plans: attend college. Likes: drawing, old cars, good looking girls.

Coleen Louise Carroll

Basketball 1234; Cross Country 12; Softball 1234; Stat Person 1234; Spanish Club 1234; Physics Club 34; *Tattler* 3; National Honor Society 34; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 123; Journalism Workshop 3; Green "W"; D.A.R.E. Role Model. Future Plans: attend Valparaiso University and pursue a career in pediatrics. Likes: Troy Aikman, softball, horses, the #20. Dislikes: two-faced people, being late.

Cory Cox

Cross Country 1, M.V.P. Future Plans: attend trade school for engine machines. Likes: working. Dislikes: people who are late.

Joseph Lawrence Curosh
"Pumpkin"

Basketball 1234; Cross Country 1234; Soccer 12; Art Club 23; Industrial Tech Club 234, V. President 4; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 234, V. President; Physics Club 4, President; Sectional King 4; Academic Team 1234; Scholarship "W" 123; National Honor Society 34, President; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Boys' State Delegate; Principal's Honor Roll 1234; Salutatorian; Senator Lugar 3; American Legion Americanism and Government Award; Hammond Exchange Club Student of the Month Award; The Elks Club Student of the Month Award; Enterprise Rent-a-Car Student of the Week Award; U.S. National Leadership Merit Award. Future Plans: attend Purdue for computer and electrical engineering. Likes: Purdue, Physics, field trips, my friends. Dislikes: computer viruses, homework, lectures, slow drivers.

Gina Elizabeth Dado

Volleyball 2; Mat Maid 1; Stat Person 2; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 1234; F.E.A. 123; Spanish Club 1234; F.B.L.A. 1234; Sectionals Princess 1; Academic Team 1234; Class Officer 12, V. President; Teacher's Aide 4; Student Council 12; *Reflector* 34; SADD 1234; Honor Roll 1234; National Honor Society 4; Journalism Workshop 34. Future Plans: go to college and live life day by day. Likes: Mickey Mouse, green, money, peanut M&M's, my true friends. Dislikes: waking up early, stress, my job, two-faced people, bad liars, Mentos commercials.

Michelle Ann Deel

Spanish Club 1234; Cheerleader 1234, Captain 4; Homecoming Princess 3; Prom Princess 3; Concert Band 1234; Marching Band 1234; Concession Worker 4; Scholarship "W" 12; National Honor Society 34; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 123; Who's Who; World Affairs Conference. Future Plans: go to college. Likes: food, music, football, exercising. Dislikes: people who make pre-judgements.

Gabriel DeLaVega

Industrial Tech Club 4; "W" Club 4. Future Plans: go to college and be somebody. Likes: trucks, fishing, girls, sports. Dislikes: people who think they are great.

Ann Marie De Nardo

Merrillville High School 123; Basketball 4; Volleyball 4; Tennis 4; Spanish Club 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Drama 4; Academic Team 4; Kiwanis Top Ten 4; SADD 4; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Exchange Student. Future Plans: attend college and major in ecology and veterinary. Likes: "Old days", music, dear friends, hanging out, traveling, new experiences, conquering dreams. Dislikes: frustration, pessimistic concepts, friction, carrytales, & benightedness.

SENIORS 1996

Amy Lynn De Nardo

Merrillville High School 123; Basketball 4; Volleyball 4; F.B.L.A 4; Drama 4; Academic Team 4; Kiwanis Top Ten 4; SADD 4; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Exchange Student. Future Plans: attend Missouri University in Columbia and major in psychology. Likes: to travel, learn, meeting new people, my boyfriend. Dislikes: immaturity, hypocrites, lack of understanding, violence.

Luis Dominguez
"Lu"

Baseball 4; Basketball 12; Football 1234; Soccer 12; Art Club 2; Industrial Tech Club 2; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 3; Sectionals Prince 3; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Principal's Honor Roll 34; Honor Roll 1234; National Honor Society 4; Football All State, All Area, Lake 10 All Conference; Who's Who in Sports & High School, USAA, Northwest Indiana Hispanic Association Athlete/Scholar 1995-96; IU Latino Award. Future Plans: go to college and be a successful engineer. Likes: sports, music, fishing, Cindy Crawford. Dislikes: people who think they're always right.

Erica Nichole Dudley
"Drew"

Art Club 23; Spanish Club 123; Cheerleader 3. Future Plans: move to Michigan and attend college. Likes: Justin, Simba, sleeping in late. Dislikes: getting up early, school, McDonalds.

Jason Ryan Earl
"Jay"

Basketball 1; Cross Country 1; Golf 1234, Captain 34; Industrial Tech Club 2; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 123; Physics Club 4; Homecoming King Candidate 4; Sectionals Prince 1; Student Council 4; National Honor Society 34; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Honor Roll 1234; Who's Who, World Affairs Conference, United States Achievements Academy. Future Plans: attend Rose-Hulman and major in chemical engineering. Likes: golf, sleep, Fridays, watching the Bulls with my sister. Dislikes: stupidity, whining, fruits and veggies and anything healthy.

Carolina Fernandez
"Chiquis"

Art Club 1234, Treasurer 4; Spanish Club 1234; Choir 3; Teachers Aide 4; Pom Squad 4; Honor Roll 4. Future Plans: attend college and be a CPA. Likes: hanging with my friends, being with Juni, partying. Dislikes: whiners, fake people, moochers, gangs.

Kelly Violet Fritz

Basketball 234, Captain 4; Softball 1234; Volleyball 1234, Captain 4; Mat Maid 1; Stat Person 1; Art Club 23; Booster Club 1234; German Club 1; Industrial Tech Club 23; Spanish Club 34; "W" Club 23; Academic Team 1; Sectionals Queen Candidate 4; Softball All Conference 1995. Future Plans: attend college and live a happy life. Likes: baseball, Purple Steer, country music. Dislikes: losing to BNI, the Cubs, and people who break plans.

Lisa Marie Giglio

Basketball 1234; Softball 234; Stat Person 34; Sports Manager 4; Booster Club 234; German Club 1234; Physics Club 4; Cheerleader 2; Sectionals Princess 2; Academic Team 1234; *Reflector* 3; Semi-State finalist for Project XL. Future Plans: attend college and become a pediatric nurse. Likes: the Fighting Illini, Robbie Titus, John Paxon. Dislikes: critical people, pork.

Marc Gulvas

Baseball 1234, Captain 4; Cross Country 12; Basketball 123; Spanish Club 12; Honor Roll 124; National Honor Society 4. Likes: Cubs, money. Dislikes: being broke, wannabees.

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Anthony Frederick Hobson
"Tony"

Basketball 34; Cross Country 4, Captain; Football 3; Golf 4; Art Club 34; Spanish Club 1234; F.B.L.A 234; Choir 1234, V. President 4; Drama 1234; Concert Band 1234; Pep Band 1234; Marching Band 1234; All-School Plays 1234; Academic Team 1234, Captain 34; National Honor Society 4; Concession Worker 3. Future Plans: attend college and have fun. Likes: sand beach volleyball, basketball, Mancow's Madhouse, live concerts, good movies. Dislikes: early morning meetings, stuck-up people, people who pretend to be what they aren't.

Angela Marie Jasso
"Angie"

Volleyball 2; Mat Maid 12, Stat Person 2; Art Club 3; Spanish Club 1234; Concert Band 12; Pep Band 12; Marching Band 12; Academic Team 12; Teacher Aide 4; Achievement in English 1. Future Plans: attend college and live a happy life. Likes: Phil, purple, Snoop Doggy Dog, old friends, parties, 106 jams. Dislikes: fake people, goodbyes, waking up, Q101.

Vincent Johnson
"Vinnie"

Art Club 1234, President 4; Spanish Club 2; Prom Prince 3. Future Plans: attend the Marines and become a cop. Likes: girls, money, my boys. Dislikes: phony people, liars, being broke, backstabbers, untrue friends, people who abuse their authority.

Jennifer E. Kovacik
"Jen"

Tennis 23; Mat Maid 1; Art Club 1234; Spanish Club 1234; F.B.L.A. 1234; Cheerleader 1234, Captain 4; Academic Team 4; Library Aide 4; Sectionals Queen Candidate 4; SADD 1234; Honor Roll 1234. Future Plans: attend Purdue University and major in nursing and live a happy life. Likes: my friends, Pete Sampras, *Friends* and *Party of Five*, shopping, chocolate. Dislikes: getting up early, nosey people, two-faced people.

Adam Kulak

Basketball 2; Art Club 24; Spanish Club 234; Sectionals King Candidate 4; Honor Roll 4. Future Plans: attend trade school to become an automotive technician and then attend college for architecture. Likes: Arizona, free time, girls, food, NBA Playoffs, classic, exotic, and fast cars, cable, drawing. Dislikes: Indiana, gossip, waking up early, weekdays.

Tracy Jean Kwintera
"Tray"

Art Club 24; German Club 12; Library and Office Aide 4. Future Plans: attend the University of Indianpolis and major in nursing. Likes: Bulls, being with my friends, and my car. Dislikes: anything that has to do with the Orlando Magic, people who are nosey, people who are cheap, and Burger King.

Jennifer L. Livingston
"Jenn"

Mat Maid 3; Art Club 34; Spanish Club 34; Teachers Aide 4; SADD 34. Future Plans: attend Creative Hairstyling Academy for cosmotology and travel. Likes: purple, magic, my car, Mickey Mouse, traveling. Dislikes: people who use you, mayonnaise, baggy pants.

Mary Lou Magallanes

George Washington High School 123. Future Plans: attend nursing school. Likes: alternative music, hanging out with my friends. Dislikes: cats, dogs, fake people.

Melissa A. Matuska
"Mel"

Basketball 12, Art Club 34; Industrial Tech Club 234; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 34; Cheerleader 1234; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Office Aide 4; Class Officer 4, Treasurer; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 123; American Legion Americanism Award 2. Future Plans: attend Columbia college in downtown Chicago for fashion business. Likes: Courtney Love, my boyfriend, having fun. Dislikes: not having money, know-it-alls, people who don't like anything unique.

Hugh A. McNinch

Art Club 1234; Industrial Tech Club 34; Spanish Club 1234. Future Plans: attend art school and become a famous artist. Likes: fast cars, Mike Jordan and the Bulls, chillin' with my boys. Dislikes: when I can't speak my mind, people who abuse their authority.

Dana Mendoza
"Franz"

Art Club 234; Booster Club 1234; Spanish Club 34; F.B.L.A. 1234, V President 2; Choir 23; All-School Plays 23; SADD 1234, Secretary 4; Honor Roll 3; Environmental Club 12. Future Plans: attend International Business College and major in paralegal and live a happy life. Likes: people who are honest, responsible, and outgoing. Dislikes: people who don't live to their fullest potential.

Thomas Joseph Michnewicz

Baseball 1234. Future Plans: attend college and get a good education. Likes: my girlfriend Rebecca, baseball. Dislikes: liars, people who break plans.

Samantha Marie Michael Morando
"Sammi-kins"

Tennis 2; Mat Maid 34, Co-Captain 4; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 2; F.E.A. 2; Concession Worker 2; Class Officer 1, Treasurer; Office Aide 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Student Council 1; SADD 4; Positive Plus 4; Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans 3. Future Plans: join the Army and pursue a career in nursing and live a happy life. Likes: my family, the Millie's crew, eating. Dislikes: getting hurt, being falsely accused.

Kelly Lee Moskalick
"Mosk"

Basketball 1234, Captain 4; Softball 1234; Volleyball 1234, Captain 4; Stat Person 234; Art Club 4; Booster Club 34; German Club 1234; Industrial Tech Club 234; "W" Club 234; Homecoming Queen 4; Sectionals Princess 3; Academic Team 234; Teachers Aide 4; *Reflector* 3; Honor Roll 1234; ElR's Student of the Month; All Conference Volleyball '94&'95; All Conference Basketball '95&'96; All Area Basketball Team '96; All Conference Softball '94&'95; All Area Softball Team '95. Future Plans: attend college and become an elementary school teacher. Likes: Horace Grant, Purdue #21, country music. Dislikes: Purple Steer, losing softball games to BNI by 1, people who break plans.

Matthew Andrew Michael Moynihan

Basketball 1234; Football 1234; Art Club 1234; F.E.A. 12; Spanish Club 234; F.B.L.A. 12; Homecoming Prince 3; Class Officer 3, Treasurer; Office Aide 34; Boys' State Delegate; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 123; National Honor Society 4; Coaches Poll All-State Defensive Back Football '95; AP Poll Honorable Mention All-State Football '95; Team Offensive MVP Football '95; Lake 10 All-Conference Football '95; Honorable Mention All-Conference Football '95; Honorable Mention All-Conference Basketball '94&'95; D.A.R.E. Role Model; Region 1 All-Stars. Future Plans: play football at either Valparaiso or Butler University, earn a degree in accounting. Likes: football, #10, attending social gatherings. Dislikes: stuck up & clueless people.

Stacy Gail Murga
"Murgz"

Art Club 4. Future Plans: leaving Whiting and go to school for computer engineering. Likes: vacations, money, shoes, honest and reliable friends. Dislikes: old cars, liars, contradictions.

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Eric Michael O'Connor

Football 1234; Wrestling 4; Art Club 3; Industrial Tech Club 4; Spanish Club 3; F.B.L.A. 12; "W" Club 4; Concert Band 1234; Pep Band 1234; Marching Band 1234; All-School Plays 1; Honor Roll 1234; Master Musician Award 3; 1st Team All-Conference 4. Future Plans: go into the Navy, then to college, settle down. Likes: pizza, model cars, parties. Dislikes: drugs, liars.

Sarah Maria Paez
"Chavez"

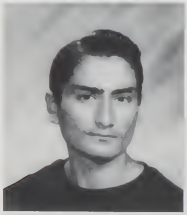
Booster Club 3; Spanish Club 234; F.B.L.A. 4; Choir 1234; Drama 1234; SADD 4; Pom Squad 4. Future Plans: go to college to become an elementary school teacher, get married, have a family, and live life to its fullest. Likes: Aaron, being with my best friends, Scottie Pippen. Dislikes: school, racism, know-it-alls.

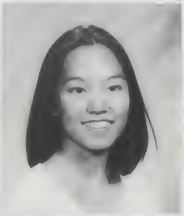
Brooke Panayotovich

Tennis 23; Mat Maid 234; Art Club 1234; F.E.A. 123; Spanish Club 1234; F.B.L.A. 34, Secretary 3, V. President 4; Library Aide 34; Concession Worker 3; SADD 34, Secretary 3, President 4; Honor Roll 1234; Who's Who; American Legion Americanism and Government Award. Future Plans: attend Indiana University and major in elementary education, get married, and be successful. Likes: Chris O'Donnell, being with my true friends, shopping. Dislikes: racism, gangs, backstabbers.

Michael Douglas Partin

Wrestling 14; Art Club 1234; Spanish Club 1234. Future Plans: go into the Air Force and lead a successful life as an electrician. Likes: my cars, friends, fishing. Dislikes: people who sing along with the radio when you're trying to listen, game players.





Jaime Perez

Spanish Club 1234; Library Aide 4. Future Plans: attend college.

Loan Pham
"Loaner"

Tennis 234; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 4; F.E.A. 23; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 4; Physics Club 4; Homecoming Princess 1; Academic Team 1234, Captain 234; Concession Worker 24; Class Officer 1234, Secretary 12, V. President 34; Student Council 4, Secretary; Scholarship "W" 123; *Reflector* 34, Editor 4; National Honor Society 34, Treasurer; Kiwanis Top Ten; Girls' State Delegate; SADD 3; D.A.R. 4; Principal's Honor Roll 1234; Honor Roll 1234; Journalism Workshop 34; Who's Who 1234, U.S. National Leadership Merit Award, World Affairs Conference. Future Plans: attend Indiana University Bloomington and major in biology. Likes: *Seinfeld*, *ER*, blue, summer. Dislikes: whiners.

Erin R. Rigg
"Erwin" & "Riggie"

Art Club 1234; Spanish Club 234; F.B.L.A. 4; SADD 3. Future Plans: work, go to college and become a physical therapist. Likes: Sox, Goofy, my friends. Dislikes: Cubs, heavy metal.

Santiago Rodriguez Jr.
"Junior"

Football 1234, Captain 4; Soccer 12; Stat Person 34; Art Club 13; Industrial Tech Club 234, Treasurer 4; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 234, President 4; Physics Club 4, V. President; Homecoming King 4; Scholarship "W" 2; National Honor Society 34; Kiwanis Top Ten 34; Boys' State Alternate; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 123; Latino Award 123; Who's Who 1234; Who's Who in Sports 4; All-Conference Football 4; All-State Academic Team 4. Future Plans: attend Ball State University and become an architect. Likes: summer days, Mexico, kickin' back and chillin' with my friends. Dislikes: nosey people, rushing, writing.

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Leticia Roman
"Letty"

Volleyball 234; Tennis 234; Mat Maid 1; Stat Person 12; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 1234; F.E.A. 12; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 34, Treasurer 4; Sectional Queen 4; Academic Team 123; *Reflector* 34, Editor 4; Pom Squad 4; Girls' State Delegate; Latino Award, Who's Who 1234. Future Plans: attend Purdue University and major in computer programming. Likes: daddy's truck, summer. Dislikes: whiners, cats, opening Loan's garage door.

Thomas R. Smith
"Smithy"

Football 23; Sports Manager 1; Industrial Tech Club 34. Future Plans: go to college to become a computer programmer. Likes: karate. Dislikes: people who think that they are better than me.

Nicholas Scott Smolen
"Nick"

Baseball 34; Basketball 1234; Football 1234; Soccer 12; Art Club 4; F.E.A. 23; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 234; Homecoming Prince 2; Class Officer 2, Treasurer; *Tattler* 3; Honor Roll 1234; Journalism Workshop 3; Lake 10 All Conference Receiver 34; Hoosier Gridiron Pre-season All-State 4; Who's Who in Athletics 4; All Area Honorable Mention Receiver 34; Associated Press All State Honorable Mention Receiver 4; All Conference Soccer 1; Green "W." Future Plans: attend college, play football. Likes: football, food, friends, money, cars, sleeping in. Dislikes: people with attitudes, losing, dropping passes.

Victoria Soto
"Vicky"

Art Club 34; Spanish Club 1234; Choir 3; Concert Band 12; Pep Band 12; Marching Band 12; Pom Squad 4. Future Plans: attend college in Florida. Likes: sleeping in, Marlon. Dislikes: people who gossip about what ain't their business.

Sheryl Stahura
"Sheri"

Softball 1234; Volleyball 1234; Mat Maid 1; Stat Person 2; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 12; Industrial Tech Club 234; "W" Club 234; Cheerleader 1234, Captain 13; Academic Team 1; Office Aide 4; *Tattler* 4; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 1234; Universal Cheerleaders Association; All Star, Participated in New Year's Day Parade in London. Future Plans: attend college for fashion merchandising and business management. Likes: R.E.M., individuality, music. Dislikes: boring people, driving.

Robert Titus
"Robbie"

Baseball 14; Basketball 2; Football 134; Art Club 234; F.E.A. 3; Industrial Tech Club 1234, Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 4; Class Officer 3, Treasurer; Office Aide 3; Student Council 2. Future Plans: attend college. Likes: Lisa Giglio, Shannon, "Whiting Style," partying. Dislikes: liars, girls who are too good for others.

Christina Trevino
"T-Dogg"

Art Club 234; Choir 3. Future Plans: go to a nearby technical school. Likes: shoes, black, true friends. Dislikes: fake friends.

Kimberly A. Trzepacz
"Hanz"

Art Club 1234; Spanish Club 234; F.B.L.A 4; Cheerleader 3; Environmental Club 23; SADD 34. Future Plans: attend trade school and become a R.N. Likes: my job, my best friend, partying. Dislikes: bullies, people who are fake and act better than me.

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Lorraine Urbina
"Vern"

Concert Band 12; Marching Band 12. Future Plans: work part-time and attend college. Likes: hanging out with friends, money, shopping. Dislikes: backstabbers, school.

Cynthia Vargas

Art Club 234; Booster Club 24; Spanish Club 34; F.B.L.A. 23; *Reflector* 3; SADD 2; Honor Roll 4; Journalism Workshop 3. Future Plans: attend IU and become a CPA. Likes: Melvin, pandas, haciendas planes. Dislikes: racism.

Melissa Alexandra Vega

Cross Country 12; Golf 1; Tennis 2; Mat Maid 123; Art Club 1234; Booster Club 1234; German Club 134; Spanish Club 1234; F.B.L.A. 1234, President 4; Physics Club 4; Drama 12; Homecoming Princess 2; All-School Plays 2; Academic Team 123; Student Council 4, V. President; *Tattler* 234, Editor 4; SADD 1234, V. President 4; Honor Roll 1234; Journalism Workshop 34; Environmental Club 123; National Honor Society 4; Latino Award; Roberto Clemente Scholarship. Future Plans: attend Indiana University, major in journalism, and later land a job with R.S. Likes: originality, blue hair, music, skaters, equality, subliminal messages. Dislikes: favortism, uncomfortable silence, germs, sheltered individuals, hatred, and average.

Mark Walczak

Football 1234, Captain 4; Soccer 2; Wrestling 1; Stat Person 34; Industrial Tech Club 1234; Spanish Club 1234; "W" Club 234, Sec./Tre. 4; Library Aide 4; Concession Worker 3; *Reflector* 3; Honor Roll 12; Football "Ironman" 4; Lake Ten Honorable Mention 4; Who's Who 34. Future Plans: attend Environmental Technical Institute for HVAC/R and make lots of money and be successful. Likes: sports, girls, making money, and a few more things. Dislikes: people who talk smack, are lazy, and who have no clue on what's happening.

Tracey Lynn Catherine Ward
"Trak"

Tennis 2; Mat Maid 1234, Captain 4; Art Club 1234; F.E.A. 3; Industrial Tech Club 4; Spanish Club 1234; F.B.L.A. 4; SADD 4; Honor Roll 1234. Future Plans: take a couple of months off and then join the United States Army. Likes: Dr. Pepper, my friends, animals, zippers, "W," blue, rain, pizza, Spanish. Dislikes: liars, backstabbers, tightwards, players, cheaters, racism.

Shannon L. Wright

Stat Person 34; Art Club 3; Spanish Club 1234; Cheerleader 1234; Concert Band 12; Teacher's Aide 34; Honor Roll 1234. Future Plans: attend Purdue Calumet and work a part-time job. Likes: my Tracker, my true friends, Robbie, shoes. Dislikes: fake people, rumors, school.

'THE KNOWLEDGE'

Students demonstrate their intellect

The Top Ten Seniors have an unusual occurrence this year. With the arrival of two new seniors, Amy and Ann De Nardo, there are actually twelve seniors in the Top Ten. This is the first time in Whiting history for such an event. To solve this incident, there are now two number 4's and two numbers 9's. This may have caused confusion at the Kiwanis Top Ten Banquet and at Awards Day, but no one noticed. The banquet and Awards Day were still memorable days filled with honor and excitement.

Loan Pham

Kiwanis Grant: Joe Curosh
Amy De Nardo
Leo H. Gehring Memorial Award: Ann De Nardo
Frank Horlbeck Memorial Award: Kathleen Bogs
Virgil Eggers Memorial Award: Randy Andersen
Marine Corps Academic Award: Joe Curosh
Marine Corps Athlete Award: Marc Gulvas
Air Force Math Award: Ann De Nardo
Air Force Science Award: Randy Andersen
U.S. Army Scholar Athlete: Joe Curosh
Loan Pham
Wendy's High School Heisman Award: Kelly Moskalick
Matt Moynihan
Times Carrier Scholarship Award: Jose Carrillo
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers: Leticia Roman
Alexander Kompier Award: Loan Pham
Centier Bank-Schrage Family Scholarship: Joe Curosh
Dr. Peter Stecy Scholarship: Amy De Nardo
Jack Taylor Scholarship: Randy Andersen
Academic All-Star: Randy Andersen
National Honor Society Certificate of Merit: Jason Earl
Loan Pham
Hammond Exchange Club Student of the Month: Joe Curosh
Times-Enterprise Student of the Week: Joe Curosh
D.A.R. Award: Loan Pham
Hoosier Scholar: Randy Andersen
Joe Curosh
Principal's Leadership Award: Loan Pham
American Legion Awards: Joe Curosh, Ann De Nardo
Melissa Adkins, Joe Markovich
Nick Dado, Joan Musak
Boys' State Delegates: Joe Markovich
Kevin Puhek
Girls' State Delegates: Melissa Adkins
Heather Trojnar
Baush & Lomb Award: Heather Trojnar
Xerox Award: Barbie Maleckar
Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Nominee: Kathy Fisher

Randy Andersen

Joe Curosh

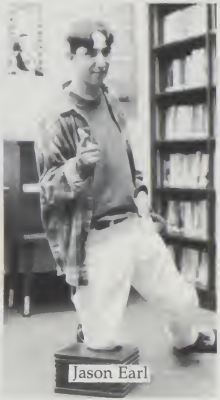
Loan Pham

Christy Alexander
Ann De Nardo

Michelle Deel

Kathleen Bogs

Santiago Rodriguez, Jr.


Jason Earl

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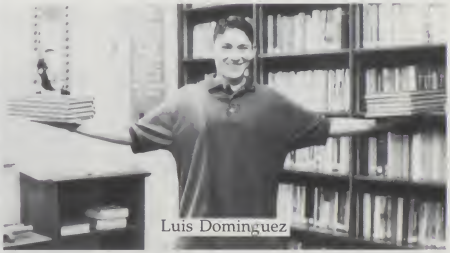
Coleen Carroll


Luis Dominguez

MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED
Christy Alexander and Robbie Biella

NICEST SMILES
Angie Jasso and Vinnie Johnson

NICEST EYES
Melissa Matuska and Mike Partin

QUIETEST
Mary Magallanes and Jaime Perez

IDEAL SENIORS

CLASS FLIRTS
Mark Walczak and Sarah Paez

BEST PERSONALITIES
Letty Roman and Junior Rodriguez

CLASS CLOWNS
Gina Dado and Mike Partin

WORST DRIVERS
Shannon Wright and Cory Cox

CLASS TIGHTWADS
Annie Austin and Marc Gulvas

BEST DRESSED
Sheryl Stahura and Lu Dominguez

MOST TALENTED
Melissa Vega and Tony Hobson

'IT HAD TO BE YOU'

CLASS BIG MOUTHS
Coleen Carroll and Robbie Titus

CLASS AIRHEADS
Brooke Panayotovich and Eric O'Connor

IDEAL SENIORS

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Loan Pham and Randy Andersen

MOST ATHLETIC
Kelly Moskalick and Matt Moynihan

MOST TALKATIVE
Kelly Fritz and Hugh McNinch

TEACHERS' PETS
Kathleen Bogs and Joe Curosh

'IT HAD TO BE YOU'

'We Go Together'

The seniors stay together one last time at the picnic

Class President Christy Alexander interviews Jenn Livingston for the senior video.

Hugh McNinch captures the softball game while Kelly Moskalick waits her turn.

As the year comes to an end, the seniors look forward to the annual picnic. This picnic is the last time that the seniors can be together as a class before graduation.

The picnic was packed with great food that the senior parents either cooked up or bought for this festive occasion. While everyone was taking time to feast and reminisce, Mr. Reinhardt caught the "true side" of the seniors on video. They had a chance to get all their final words out.

After lunch was over, some seniors sat and continued their interesting conversations, while many other seniors decided to play basketball, softball, volleyball, and tennis. As the picnic came to a close, the seniors drove off in their cars to show the rest of Whiting they were ready to say good-bye.

The senior picnic was very successful because everyone had a chance to show that they are willing "to go together".

Kathleen Bogs

"Taste like chicken," comments Carolina Fernandez.

'Pomp and Circumstance'

Together for one last time

Graduation is a time for celebration and a time for goodbyes. On Thursday, June 6, the class of 1996 said their final goodbyes to each other at the commencement ceremony in the Memorial Gymnasium. At this formal ceremony, Mr. Zubeck graduated the seniors in honor of his retirement. Speeches were presented by Valedictorian Randy Andersen, Salutatorian Joe Curosh, and Class President Christy Alexander. Also, the choir performed a lovely medley while the band played the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" as the seniors entered. A picture slide show, prepared with the song "Don't You Forget About Me" by Simple Minds, was organized by Mrs. Reinhart to give the graduating class a chance to reminisce about their days together. After the diplomas were distributed, this memorable evening finally came to a close. The class of '96 happily exited the gymnasium with a sense of accomplishment.

Gina Dado

These smiling graduates know what comes after the commencement ceremony, "**Party Time.**"

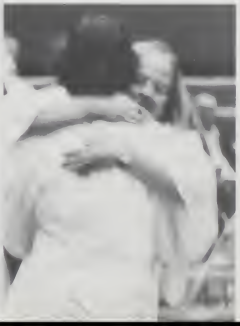
Seniors pay close attention to what awaits them in

the future.

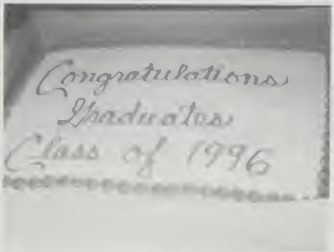
Robby Biella finds the perfect outfit to wear to graduation.

Ms. Flaris shows Gina Dado the proper way to wear her cap .

Tina Bishop gives Annie Austin a congratulations hug.



Seniors take one last "bite" of their high school career.

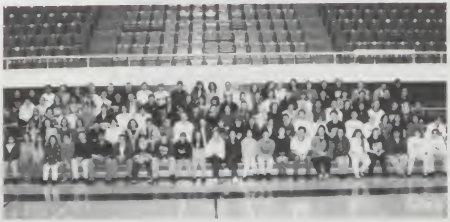


'Together'

Clubs

'Quiero quedar tu mano'

Spanish Club experiences Spanish Culture



1995-96 Spanish Club

Many people join the German or Spanish clubs for many diffrent reasons. Senior **Letty Roman** stated "I joined Spanish club because I thought it would be lots of fun to learn and experience the mexican culture even more." And sophomore **Tiffany Svitko** said, "I think it is a good experience and it is a lot of fun."

Of course, field trips and activities are a big part of being in any club, and the German and Spanish clubs are no different. This year the Spanish club had the traditional Cinco De Mayo, sold pizzas (with the Art Club), and went on a field trip to Portage High

"It's pinata time!" says senior Sarah Paez at Cinco De Mayo.

Junior Barbie Maleckar obviously enjoyed the food on the Spanish Club field trip.

'Komm gib mir deine Hand'

German Club experiences "Old World" Cuisine

School to see the Ballet Folklorico and then went to Casa Gallardo to eat. "Also the Spanish club had a float in the Homecoming parade." said **Mrs. Klochan**. The German club sold Advent calanders and went on a field trip to "Die Bier Stube" restaurant in Frankfort, Illinois. "I really liked the food at Die Bier Stube and Frankfort was really cool," stated junior **Tom Legg**.

The Spanish and German clubs are a lot of fun to be in and they are a very good experience for any student.

Kevin Puhek

1995-96 German Club: Top Row (left to right) Kelly Moskalick, Mark Koval, Sheryl Stahura, Eileen Stahura, Liz Fetsis, Tiffany Svitko, Mandy Myers, Jackie Matejko. Third Row: Terry Boatwright, Kathy Bogs, Lisa Giglio, Jayson Knazur, Frank Skiba, Marty Dado, Danny Donovan, Mellisa De La Vega. Second Row: Nicole DeBold, Kevin Puhek, Pete Sanchez, Alex Green, Tom Legg, Mike Nagy, Maury Raycroft, Jim Turner, Jim Buehring, Brian Domsich. Bottom Row: Nathan Wilson, Susan Shade, Kathy Fisher, Wendy Douglas, Mellisa Applegate, Tami Legg, Katie Farmer, Robert Hobson, Ben DeBold, Mrs. Leonhardt.

Junior Jayson Knazur and Sophomore Eileen Stahura admire the sights of Frankfort (Ill.) on the German Club field trip.

'Taking Care Of Business'

FBLA, Art Club, and SADD get the job done when it comes to business

Whiting High Students are involved in many different activities. Even though we are a small school, we still have all the offerings of a big school. One of the biggest clubs at Whiting High School sponsored by Mrs. Mindas is the art club. These students join the Spanish club and sell pizzas and the students earn a free trip to the Art Institute of Chicago plus a free lunch at Planet Hollywood. **Vincent Johnson**, President of the art club said, "The Art Institute was a great learning experience; however, I enjoyed myself much more at Planet Hollywood." Also, two other very important clubs at W.H.S. are the F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America) and S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving). Both these clubs are sponsored by Mrs. Lemon. **Jayson Knazur**, F.B.L.A. treasurer, said: "the most exciting thing about being in F.B.L.A. is the stock team. I am my team's captain. We were always in the top 15 out of 275 teams in Northwest Indiana. I am also in S.A.D.D. and I felt the program put on by the coroner was very graphic." All and all the art club, S.A.D.D., and F.B.L.A. participate in many activities during the year.

Beth Anne Dybel

1995-1996 S.A.D.D. Club. **ROW 1: Tina Alaniz,** Kathy Fisher, **Melissa Vega,** Amy DeNardo, **Dana Mengoza,** Kim Trzpaez, Robert Hobson, Tami Fisher , **Brooke Panayotovich. ROW 2:** Tony Hobson, Sarah Paez, Jason Davidson, Melissa Adkins, Mandy Meyers, Mauricio Rosendo, Katie Farmer, Liz Martinez, Angela Lopez, Jennifer Livingston. **ROW 3:** Rachel Morgan, April Murray, Randy Andersen, Gina Dado, Christy Alexander, Joey Brewer, Holly Kosalko, Margaret Edge, Jackie Matejko. **ROW 4:** Barbie Maleckar, Jennifer Kovacik, Jayson Knazur, Laureen Lesar, Tiffany Sanchez, Ann De Nardo, Samantha Morando, Azucena Perez.

1995-1996 F.B.L.A. Club. **ROW 1: Tina Alaniz,** Amy De Nardo, Jennifer Kovacik, **Jayson Knazur, Melissa Vega,** Dana Mendoza Kim Trzpaez, Rob Hobson, Ann De Nardo, Tami Fisher. **ROW 2:** Tony Hobson, Sarah Paez, Jason Davidson, Melissa Adkins, Mandy Meyers, Mauricio Rosendo, Katie Farmer, Erin Rigg, Angela Lopez, Azucena Perez, James Weller. **ROW 3:** Randy Andersen, Maury Raycroft, Laureen Leasr, Gina Dado, Christy Alexander, Frank Skiba, SamanthaMorando,Joe Brewer, **BrookePanyaotovich,**MartinDado.

The S.A.D.D. club put on a presentation by the deputy coroner, in order to prevent students from drinking and driving.

ART CLUB 1995-1996. **ROW 1:** Matt Moynihan, Jillian Netherton, Erin Rigg, Tim Zubeck, Paul Strabavy, **Vincent Johnson, Hugh McNinch, Carolina Fernandez,** Victoria Soto, Joe Thomas, Jenny Dado, Loan Pham, Joseph Markovich, Heather Tojnar, Mauricio Rosendo, Dana Mendoza, Kim Trzpaez. **ROW 2:** Mike Toleikis, Greg Gulvas, Tami Fisher, Amanda Biagi, Mark Halliar, Anastasha Abrego, Rachael Lyons, Christina Trevino, Jennifer Rodriguez, Stacey Murga, Jose Carillo, Katie Farmer, Liz Martinez, Adriana Dominguez, Tina Bishop, Melissa Adkins, Mandy Meyers, Kathy Fisher. **ROW 3:** Juan Rosendo, Jennifer Livingston, Leticia Roman, Tiffany Svitko, Holly Kosalko, Margaret Edge, James Weller, Jennifer Kovacik, Lisa Zubeck, Kelly Moskalick, Elizabeth Dybel, Sarah Thorpe, Robert Titus, Michelle Manaugh, Rosa Rodriguez, Kim Mikulski, Kathleen Bogs. **ROW 4:** Tom Legg, Mike Partin, Brooke Panyatovich, Tracey Ward, Joan Musak, Samantha Morando, Crystal Wright, Brandy Garcia, Julio Barrera, Sheryl Stahura, Mark Koval, Jeannie Fusner, Lisa Bayless, Barbie Maleckar. Katie Hayes, Tony Hobson, Pete Sanchez, Nathan Wilson. **ROW 5:** Mike Toth, Nick McNich, Nick Leyba, Thomas Callias, Jessica Earl, Patricia Rodriguez, Jesse Gonzalez, Joey Brewer, Gina Rudy, Melissa Spencer, Gina Dado, **Christy Alexander,** Melissa Matuska, Jayson Knazur, Kelly Vaught, Aimee Gollnick, Adrienne Deluna, Eileen Stahura, Joe Flores, Norm Price.

'Be True To Your School'

Booster Club and Student Council give support to our school

Many changes have been made in both Booster Club and Student Council. The Booster Club took on the Homecoming Dance and the Student Council sponsored the Sectional Dance. This was certainly a turnaround for both groups.

A great addition to the wonderful Student Council is Mr. Vrabel, who hasn't been the sponsor since 1992. He has really helped to get the council organized again. Vice President, Melissa Vega said,"We have come a long way since last year." The annual blood drive was far more successful than last year. There were 46 pints of blood donated, which doubled last years goal.

The Student Council and Booster Club greatly contribute to Whiting High School. The students that join these two groups show their need to support our school. Both groups believe that loyalty to Whiting High School is a big part of their lives.

Kathleen Bogs

Heather Trojnar, Loan Pham, Christy Alexander, Kathleen Bogs, Jayson Knazer, Melissa Adkins, Gina Dado, Mandy Meyers, Kathy Fisher, Mauricio Rosendo, Jackie Matejko, Lisa Giglio, Kelly Moskalick, Kelly Fritz, Letty Roman, Margaret Edge

Christy Alexander, Loan Pham, Melissa Vega, Kathleen Bogs, Mr. Vrabel, Kathy Fisher, Margaret Edge, Tiffany Svitko, Amanda Irvine, Joan Musak, Randy Anderson, Jason Earl, Carolina Fernandez, Aimee Gollnick, Marty Dado

Robert Hobson looks for advice on the perfect spot for his "O".

Melissa Adkins and Tiffany Svitko are "streaming" from ear to ear.

Seniors, Tina Bishop and Dana Mendoza sip their way to recovery at the blood drive.

Making sure she is ready to give blood, Christina Trivino waits for her results.

'This is how we do it'

Club members show what goes on in their club

Here at Whiting High, students dedicate must of their free time joining several clubs. Joining clubs here, all you have to do is pay your dues, attend meetings and suggest your ideas! Of course you have to do it accurately and well done, but it does get accomplish! Clubs let others know what students are interested in and the talent they have. Every year, Mr. Rebey, the sponsor of the Industrial Arts attends a meeting for CADCAM State Championship. This year there were several winners: **Andre Casillas**, **Melissa Matuska**, **Eileen Stahura**, **Junior Rodriguez**, **Jose Carrillo**, **Joe Curosh**, and **Gabe DeLaVega**. Congratulations everyone!! Other clubs that had a good year is the Drama club, "W" club, and Physics club. This year the Drama club put on "In Twenty-five Words of Death" and "Cinemagic." The Physics club had a average year, they of course, learned everything about the physics and math also they had their annual tradition field trip to Great America for Physics Day. Which was a huge success. As for the "W" club, things went pretty well, this year many members participated during Girls' basketball Sectionals as ushers. Even though the "W" Club had a rough time getting back on its feet, it still was a nice turn out for them.

Leticia Roman

Physics Club: Row 1; Melissa Vega, Kathy Bogs, Heather Trojnar, Loan Pham, Coleen Carroll, Lisa Giglio, and Junior Rodriguez. Row 2; Randy Andersen, Jason Earl, Gina Dado, Christy Alexander, Joe Cursoh, Tony Hobson, and Mr. Sorota.

Drama Club: Row 1; Veronica Kelly, Tammy Fisher, Ann DeNardo, Robert Hobson, Kathy Bogs, Kathy Farmer, Tiffany Sanchez, Nicole Protolipac, Jayson Knazur. Row 2; Christy Gonzalez, Jackie Matejko, April Murray, Mauricio Rosendo, Holly Kosalko, Peggy Edge, Tiffany Svitko, Joan Musak, Mandy Meyers, Kathy Hayes, Mrs. Reinhart. Row 3; Therese Shebish, Rachel Morgan, Barbie Maleckar, Angela Lopez, Kathy Fisher, Pete Sanchez, Alex Green, Amy DeNardo, Tony Hobson, and Nathan Wilson.

Industrial Technology Club: Row 1; Alex Green, Tommy Smith, Hugh McNinch, Rob Titus, Adrian Cabrera, Sheryl Stahura, Melissa Matuska, Adrienne DeLuna, Katie Hayes. Standing; Mr. Rebey. Row 2; Doug Dean, Martin Anaya, Jose Carrilo, Mark Kowal, Joe Curosh, Junior Rodriguez, Angela Lopez, Eileen Stahura, Eric O'Connor. Row 3; John Tokoly, James Turner, KellyMoskalick, Mark Walczak, Paul Swider, Vinnie Johnson, Danielle Carter, Samantha Morando, Traci Ward, and Joan Musak.

"W" Club: Standing: Mr. Rebey. Row 1; Kathy Bogs, Loan Pham, Robbie Titus, Letty Roman, Sheryl Stahura, Melissa Matuska. Row 2; Erbey Solis, Jose Carrillo, Mark Kowal, Joe Curosh, Junior Rodriguez, Eric O'Connor. Row 3; Kelly Moskalick, Mark Walczak, and Adrian Cabrera.

'Leader of the Pack'

N.H.S., Academic Team, Class Officers inherent leadership

The members of the National Honor Society and Academic Team as well as Class Officers all possess leadership. They are the cream of the crop and represent Whiting as positively as possible. The National Honor Society, sponsored by Counselor Robert Klosek, underwent its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. They also inducted new members in the spring, continuing the N.H.S. tradition.

The 1995-96 Academic Team had an exciting year. There were new and old members, but all did extremely well. With the topic "Women," the English team placed third and the Science team placed first in Regional competition at Wheeler High School. The Science team continued to qualify for State competition in Indianapolis representing one of six Class 4 schools. Senior **Randy Andersen** said, "This was a great year. After three years of competition, it's a relief to finally make it to State." The team placed fifth and it hopes to encourage future academic team members to strive for State competition.

Class Officers represent their classmates' opinions and ideas. Their leadership ability help them in decision making processes for the betterment of their class as a whole. Some of the decisions consist of fundraisers, car washes, prom, and the senior picnic. With the leadership of the Class Officers, Academic Team, and N.H.S., these organizations proudly represent their own unique addition to WHS.

Loan Pham

Academic Team: Row 1: Maury Raycroft, Kathleen Boga, Loan Pham, Susan Shade, Gina Dado, Christy Alexander, Kathy Fisher, Robert Hobson, Tiffany Sanchez, Nathan Wilson. Row 2: April Murray, Rachel Morgan, Melissa Adkins, Heather Trojnar, Tony Hobson, Randy Andersen, Eileen Stahura, Joan Musak, Amy DeNardo, Barbie Maleckar, Ann DeNardo, Joe Curosh. Row 3: J.J. Furto, Jennifer Kovacik, Mauricio Rosendo, Lisa Zubeck, Aimee Gollnack, Amanda Irvine, Margaret Edge, Jackie Matejko, Holly Kosalko, Lisa Giglio, Kelly Moskalick.

We are sorry to not be able to include the Freshman Class Officers. They are President Hether Buranosky, Vice President Robert Hobson, Secretary Katie Farmer, Treasurer Cory Taylor.

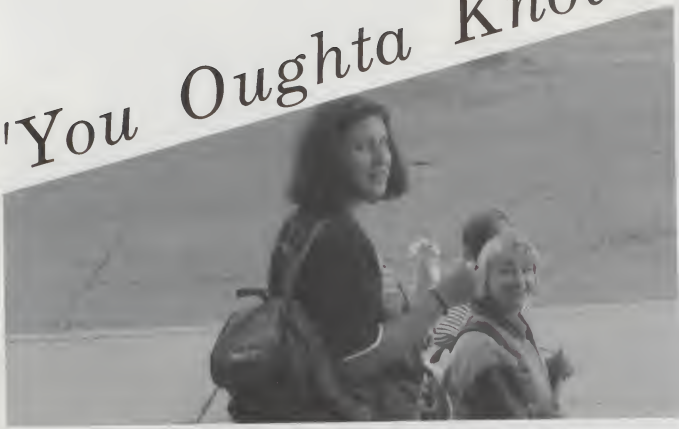
National Honor Society: Front Row: Coleen Carroll, Michelle Deel, Loan Pham, Christy Alexander, Sponsor Robert Klosek. Back Row: Joe Curosh, Santiago Rodriguez, Jason Earl, Randy Andersen.

Junior Class Officers: Treasurer Melissa Adkins, Sponsor Mr. Don Adkins, Secretary Maurio Rosendo, Vice President Lisa Zubeck, President Jayson Knazur.

Sophomore Class Officers: Sponsor Mrs. Kathy LaBorde, Treasurer Eileen Stahura, Secretary Mandy Meyers, Vice President Tiffany Svitko, President Kathy Fisher.

Senior Class Officers: President Christy Alexander, Treasurer Melissa Matuska, Sponsor Mrs. Pam Smith, Secretary Kathleen Bogs, Vice President Loan Pham.

'You Oughta Know'



Academics

'AB

English classes

Concentrating on her test is freshman Melissa Spencer.

Reading plays, novels, and short stories and writing papers are all a part of English class. Besides Ms. Flaris, Miss Guaccio, and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Foss is another English teacher here at WHS. Freshman **J.J. Furto** says his teaching techiques are successful. "He uses humor and sports to relate topics to us. I have learned a lot this year." J.J. also says he enjoys "the friendly atmosphere" the most. Some have learned to interpret literature and apply it to everyday life, such as sophomore **Peggy Edge**. "I also learned that it is important to be able to express yourself through writing," she says.

Senior English classes are

Seniors Brooke Panayotovich, Mary Lou Magallanes, and Samantha Morando are experts at outlining.

Ms. Guaccio has her hands full when junior Danny Lakes asks her a question.

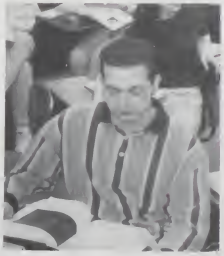
C' spell success

probably the most significant for those college-bound students. Although the majority feel it will help in college, the senior research paper is a dreadful six weeks of reading, writing, and organization. Senior **Junior Rodriguez**, humorously says, "My topic was uh, uh, oh yeah, global warming. It was treacherous. I was in the hospital the next day with a nervous breakdown. I cried for hours on end. I've never been the same since."

Loan Pham

Calm and poised, junior Laurie Lesar gives her speech in Ms. Flaris' class.

Is this golf practice or English class? Freshman J.J. Furto "putts with Pip," a game based on the Charles Dickens novel *Great Expectations.*



Junior Tony Kwintera reads intensively in his class.

'Un Mundo Entero y Nuevo'

Hablas espanol

It's the three amigos! They are seniors Lou Dominguez, Junior Rodriguez, and Jason Earl.

A group session with junior, Joe Stanley, is inspiring to a few fellow Spanish speaking friends.

Spanish and German are the two language courses offered to Whiting High School students. It is important that students know a little bit about another culture because it helps make them well-rounded in their academic studies.

Throughout the four year courses of Spanish and German, students learn the simple basics such as, numbers and colors, to learning how to comprehend a book with no English words at all. A privilege of the fourth year Spanish students is that they teach some of what they have learned

Senior Christy Alexander teaches the basics of the Spanish language to some fourth grade students.

Senior Randy Andersen concentrates on his game of Spanish bingo hoping to win the grand prize.

'Ein Ganzen Neuen Weld'

Sprechen sie deutsch

to the fourth graders once every six weeks. Also, Spanish and German students usually take field trips to see shows or go to restaurants to experience the culture they are studying.

Through these classes, students are exposed to the civilization and learn about historical events, as well as events going on presently. Being a part of these classes is a great opportunity to learn something extraordinary.

Gina Dado

Freshman Wendy Douglas pays close attention to the German lecture.

Helping each other with the final touches are freshmen Dan Donovan and Katie Farmer.

Decorating the German bulletin board is senior, Lisa Giglio.

Freshman Jennie Dado and sophomore Susan Shade study their notes in German class.

'She Blinded Me With Science'

Whiting students "experiment" with science

Heather Trojnar spins away the class hour during Physics.

With technology growing, the need for technical experience grows. Whiting High School is trying to keep the development rolling. New and exciting changes have come about in the math and science departments.

One change that has been added to the curriculum is calculus. This development has been a significant turning point at Whiting High School. **Jason Earl**, a senior says, "I feel that it was about time that Whiting started to add more classes to help students in college." Calculus is taught by Mrs. Herochik. This is her first year teaching at Whiting High School.

Another addition is Biology II. This new class is taught by our biology teacher, Mr. Campbell. In

Cory Taylor and Bryan Ison check their experiment very closly.

Is that a paramecium? Karen Polak and Tammy Legg examine their slides.

'Add It Up'

Chalk another great year up for math

addition to Mr. Campbell, a new biology teacher has joined the Whiting family. **Mr. Nichols** teaches both High School and Middle School classes. He says, "I enjoy teaching science no matter what age group it is." You cannot tell that it is his first year teaching when you are in his class.

Mr. Nichols is not the only first year, science teacher at Whiting. Miss Raycroft has entered Whiting straight from industry. She has hands-on experience which is a help in lab work for her students. With the many new additions at Whiting, there may be greater demand for technical fields of study.

Kathleen Bogs

Computing the trigonometric identity, Adam Kulak thinks of his next step.

What a shocking answer! Mrs. Herochik is completely suprised by a student's response.

'If I Could Turn Back Time'

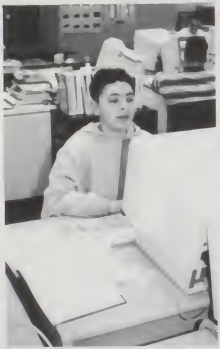
Students wish they could turn back time and go into history

Brian Ison salutes the flag with the "Pledge of Alliegence."

A lot of the students at Whiting High School almost wish that they could turn back time and go into the past for whatever reason. Whether it be to go as far back as the Civil War to discover what it would be like to be a soldier or to go back just a little to last week to do a little better on that test they took.

When asked what she likes the most about her U.S. History class, **Barbie Maleckar** responed by saying "I really like the class discussions that we have. Mr

Mark Zareer focuses to finish his work.



Mike Parton studies hard in history class.

Jessica Earl takes a break to listen to the teacher.

'Workin' For A Livin'

Business students learn about the "real world"

Vrabel makes learning easier because we always talk about everything."

In the buisness class that the school offers teaches the students what it is like in the real world of today. It teaches them how to handle their money and keep up with the corporate world.

Both these classes are offered to help the students who wish to pursue a career.

Rachel Morgan

Mike Nagy tries not to watch his hands while he types.

J.J. Furto practcies typing faster.

Huey McNinch concentrates on his work.

Jaime Perez sits back to see his work.

'Colors of the Wind'

Art students show a spectrum of talent

Helping put up their Homecoming bulletin board are freshmen Amanda Biagl and Stephanie Nagy.

You've probably walked down the hallways seeing someone's artwork displayed behind the glass cases or just some classwork posted on the wall. You may hear someone humming a favorite song or instruments playing and a chorus singing on the first floor. Your eyes and ears are awakened for perhaps the first time during the day. These enlightenments of your senses are provided by the art and music classes. It's their purpose to enhance students' creative skills.

One talented art student here is freshman **Julio Barrera**. His artwork done in Art I and II is displayed in the glass case across from the main office. "In Art I and II we learn several drawing techniques, such as blending, shading, stippling and figure drawing. It's a lot of fun for me

Threading that needle is freshman David DeJesus.

There are many craft projects to make as senior Tracy Kwintera demonstrates.

Junior Adrienne DeLuna sketches with ease.

'The Sound of Music'

Inspirational sounds fill the halls of Whiting

to work with such a talented teacher (Mrs. Mindas)."

One new art course is Applied Arts. Senior **Jenn Livingston** likes this class because "it gives us a chance to do what we like doing to improve the school."

Many have enjoyed music classes as well. Music is a part of everyone's life, and learning the history and the basic foundation of music is instrumental to appreciating its worth. "A benefit of taking Music Appreciation is learning about what kind of music was popular 100-300 years ago," says freshman **Jay Deel**. All in all, Whiting students learn about these creative courses to enhance their own talents.

Loan Pham

Doing her homework with diligence is junior Melissa Adkins.

Sophomore Denise Lopez takes a music test.

'We got the beat'

Band and choir participate in many activites

The W.H.S. band play the national anthem before all home varsity football games.

This year the choir and band under the direction of Mrs. Reinhart (choir) and Mr. Kuhnz (band), have performed in many different activities, from concerts, parades, to football games. The band and choir showed us their talents at their two concerts that they hold yearly. The band who plays for the pre-game at both football and basketball games and also plays at half time for the poms to dance to. Sarah Thorpe, a choir member, was asked what she thought the most exciting thing the choir did this year she replied, " We went and sang at Vogels for a conference that they held there, afterward we went to McDonald's in Whiting, and I started talking to this really fine guy, the line I used to pick him up was do you want my cheeseburger, then four of the other choir members started talking to him also, he made us sing for him. He was supposed to attend the concert, but I was so nervous about that I didn't even notice if he was there." Even if you walk past the band or choir room and hear delightful sounds, or if you attend one of the seasonal concerts, you will for sure understand that the size of the group doesn't matter it's the talent and how dedicated the students are.

Beth Anne Dybel

Sophomore Liz Herman plays the flute before a football game.

The Whiting High School band, joined by the middle school match in the yearly homecoming parade.

The Whiting High School band play the school song for the cheerleaders at the homecoming assembly,

The high school band practice for a concert during their band hour.

'Whistle While You Work'

Students prepare for the future

Vinnie Johnson, drills his metal with caution as Mark Zareer supervises.

School work is not the only thing on some students' minds. Some students also think about their future. To prepare for the future, one might consider taking the electives offered here at WHS. Two options include Home Economics or Industrial Arts. So, if you want to weld, sew, or maybe even be a cook in the future, you may want to think about getting involved in one of these elective classes offered here at Whiting High School.

Lisa Bayless

Kimberly Mikulski shows everyone how to use the iron the correct way.

Lisa Bayless makes sure her last few stiches came out just right.

With Mike Wenglarz's asstance Michelle Manaugh cuts her piece of metal just perfect.

Brett Jennings Watches carefully as Sheryl Stahura shows him the correct way to do things.

Mark Walczak makes sure his drawing is exact.

Mike Tolekis, Nick McNinch, Joe Flores, And Tom Callas make their picture perfect.

'Workin Up A Sweat'

While participating in gym, students work up a sweat

After Laurie Lesar finishes her work she reads a magazine.

Kelly Meyerhoff Compares notes with Morgan Robinson after their final.

Two of the courses at Whiting High School are P.E. (gym) and health. To some, gym is considered a "blow off" class whereas health is a class where a lot of information can be obtained. There are debates about whether or not gym class should be required or offered as an optional class.

According to **Nicole Protolipac**, it should be offered, but not required.

'Physical'

Health classes jump into the physical aspects of life

"Gym is not a class that should be required," she said. "It should be optional whether or not you take it."

Nevertheless, gym and health classes are required and most students enjoy their relaxation and the break from the non-traditional routine of the educational atmosphere.

Rachel Morgan

Michelle Manaugh goes over her work to make sure its right.

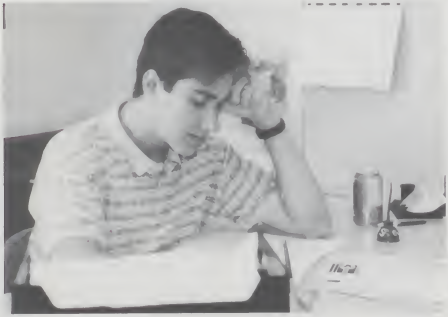
Carissa Perez takes her time with her test even though almost everyone else is done.

'Takin' Care of Business'

Tattler students show dedication to their work

1995-96 Tattler Staff Members: (left to right) Top Row: Kevin Puhek, Jayson Knazur, Kevin Krieps. Middle Row: Terri Shebish, Eileen Stahura, Sheryl Stahura, Liz Fetsis. Bottom Row: Teresa Collings, Melissa Vega, Tina Alaniz.

Working on Tattler or Reflector requires a great amount of patience, work, and dedication. To complete the yearbook or any issue of the Tattler takes hundreds of hours of work and a large portion of these are usually after school. When we say after school, it's literal, too. The Tattler staff members routinely stayed after school until 10 or 11 PM at night to make a deadline, and Reflector staff members return to school on the day *after* graduation to complete the final pages of the book. "Putting together a newspaper or yearbook requires a tremendous amount of work and effort on the student's part." Stated Mr. Foss Tattler/Reflector advisor here at WHS. "That's why I am so grateful to the students who were on staff. They did a great job, and it was a pleasure to work with them." The students who are on the staffs have to be some of



Junior Jayson Knazur works diligently to complete his work for the Reflector ads department.

Seniors Loan Pham, Gina Dado, and Letty Roman work together to get the job done in Reflector.

'Celebrate'

Reflector celebrates it 75th anniversary

the most dedicated students in the school. Who else, other than athletes and class officer-types, would dedicate so much of their free-time to a school related project? Not many.

Although producing the Tattler or Reflector is a tremendous undertaking, it is well worth the effort. Reflector Editor **Loan Pham** said, "Reflector is definitely worth all of the time and effort because we are creating history as well as recording it. It's very time consuming, but it's worth it when you see the finished product." The history Loan mentions is that this is the 75th anniversary edition of the Reflector.

All in all, Tattler and Reflector students have to be some of the most dedicated students in school, and they deserve to be commended.

Kevin Puhek

1995-96 Reflector Staff: (left to right) Top Row: Letty Roman, Beth Dybel, Gina Dado, Lisa Bayless. Bottom Row: Kevin Puhek, Kathy Bogs, Loan Pham, Rachel Morgan, Jayson Knazur.

Senior Melissa Vega helps junior Terri Shebish out with one of her many Tattler stories.

'We Are The Champions'

Sports

'Pump It Up'

Lady Oilers finish tenth straight winning season 21-9

The Whiting varsity volleyball team had the best record since head coach Paulette Knazur took over the position four years ago.

The Oilers had a strong-willed team to go along with an impressive record of 21-9.

"Our team for the most part played very well together," senior co-captain **Kelly Fritz** said. "Our attitude toward each other was the best it's been in the four years we've been together."

This year's varsity team had a very close bond which enabled them to have a very successful season.

Whiting's highlight of the season perhaps came when it won the Griffith Invitational. The Lady Oilers won four grueling matches on the day, including the championship over Hanover Central.

The Oilers also had a strong conference season, finishing 6-3, with losses only to Hammond Noll, Highland and conference champion Munster.

The Oilers' season, however, came to an unexpected halt in the first-round of the sectional. Whiting was surprised by rival Hammond Clark, after the Lady Oilers had won the first meeting earlier in the regular season.

Senior co-captain and team MVP **Kelly Moskalick** was named First Team All-Lake 10 Conference.

"I felt very honored to be named to the all-conference team," Moskalick said. "We had such a great season."

Additionally, Fritz received Honorable Mention honors.

This year's team consisted of 11 dedicated athletes, five of whom return next season.

Jayson Knazur

Junior Kelly Vaught leaps in hope for a team point.

Senior Kelly Moskalick does what she does best, going up high for the kill.

Teamwork leads to success. The Oiler's celebrate after a "big" win.

Sophomore Eileen Stahura goes for the quick pass.

The 1995-96 varsity Volleyball Team. Front Row: Amy DeNardo, Eileen Stahura, Leticia Roman, Sheryl Stahura, Ann DeNardo. Back Row: Co-Captain Kelly Fritz, Lisa Bayless, Elizabeth Fetsis, Kelly Vaught, Co-Captain Kelly Moskalick, Coach Knazur. (Not pictured, Kim Mikulski).

1995-96
Volleyball Team Results

21-9 Regular Season
6-3 Lake 10 Conference

Opponent	Date	Result
Lake Station	8/23	W
Lew Wallace	8/24	W
Whiting Tourney: 3rd Place		
Gavit	8/26	L
Highland	8/26	L
E.C. Central	8/26	W
@Merrillville	8/28	L
@Wheeler	8/29	W
E.C. Central	9/5	W
Hammond*	9/7	W
@Griffith*	9/12	W
Gary Wirt	9/13	W
Clark*	9/14	W
@Griffith Tourney: 1st Place		
Gary Wirt	9/16	W
Wheeler	9/16	W
Gavit	9/16	W
Hanover Central	9/16	W
@Highland*	9/19	L
Morton*	9/21	W
@Lake Central	9/25	L
Bishop Noll*	9/26	L
Gary Westside	9/27	W
@Munster*	9/28	L
Gavit*	10/3	W
@Roosevelt	10/4	W
@Calumet*	10/5	W
@North Newton Tourney: 4th Place		
North Newton	10/7	L
@Hanover Cent.	10/9	W
@Wash. Twp.	10/11	W
@Horace Mann	10/12	W
Sectionals:		
Clark	10/18	L

*Notes Lake Ten Game

'We Will Rock You'

Football Team "Rolls" to Sectional 34 Title Game

1995-96
Varsity Football Results

Overall 5-6 Lake 10 (2-2)

Date	Opponent	Score	W-L
8/25	River Forest	11-14	L
9/1	South Central	14-20	L
9/8	Benton Central	0-31	L
9/15	Lake Station	28-0	W
9/22	Calumet*	41-26	W
9/29	Gavit*	24-3	W
10/6	Griffith*	0-48	L
10/13	Clark*	26-19	L
Sectionals:			
10/20	South Central	20-12	W
10/27	Culver	17-14	W
11/3	Tri-County	34-43	L

*Notes Lake 10 Game

The 1995-96 Oiler Football season was much more successful than most people had thought it would be. Despite an 0-3 start, the team finished 5-6 and played in the sectional championship game against Tri-County. Unfortunately, the Oilers were defeated in the game, 43-34.

Although most of the season was rough for the team, the sectional games were pure fun. "I had a lot of fun during the year, especially in sectionals," stated junior **Jorge Del Real.**

For the third consecutive year the Oilers finished 2-2 in the Lake 10 conference, defeating Calumet and Gavit and being defeated by Griffith and Clark. Even though the team didn't have .500 record, this season can still be considered successful, considering the fact that former head coach Sherwood Haydock resigned his position just two weeks before summer training camp began. "It was tough, but I think the transition went pretty well," said new head coach **Jeff Cain**.

Kevin Puhek

Juniors Paul Swider and Joe Stanley trot out onto the field for the Griffith game.

Junior Joe Rivers makes a bone-crushing tackle against River Forest.

Ed Hruskocy discusses the opposing defense with senior Matt Moynihan.

The team gets together to decide on what play they will use to score another Oiler touchdown.

'Speed Racer'

Cross Country team runs to the finish

Even though this year's Whiting cross country team does not consist of many runners, this obvious deterrent does not take away from the teams' extreme dedication.

It takes a special kind of a athlete to be a cross country runner. Freshman **Ben DeBold** is just one of the several runners on the team who have put in the time and reaped the rewards of a successful season.

"I plan to stay involved in cross country," Ben said. "And, my goals are to do whatever I can to help the team next year."

This year's Whiting team featured a number of returning runners, as well as a few newcomers. Senior **Tony Hobson** was one the newcomers on the team this year.

"I, along with the rest of the guys on the team, accomplished many of our goals that we set out to achieve," Tony said. "We all had different goals and we all worked hard to achieve them.

"Another thing I noticed was all the team spirit," Tony continued." It is good to see that we are increasing the size of our team. That shows that more students are becoming interested in the sport.

The school's cross country team has increased its numbers, and, as a result, the squad steadily improved throughout the season.

What makes the sport so difficult is that athletes must race against the clock as well as against their opponents over a 3.1-mile course to reach their destination ... the finishing chute.

The team has worked hard to get where they are and to accomplish their goals.

Rachel Morgan

1995-96
Cross Country Team Results

Overall (0-7)	*Lake 10 (0-5)		
Opponent	Place	Date	W-L
Gavit*	Home	9/7	L
Lake Stat.	Away	9/17	L
Griffith*	Home	9/20	L
Clark*	Home	9/21	L
Marquette	Home	9/26	L
Morton*	Home	9/28	L
Clark Invt.	Clark	9/30	17
Calumet *	Dowl.	10/3	L
Lake 10	Dowl.	10/7	10
Sectionals	Dowl.	10/14	DNP

1995 Cross- Country team: Row 1: Eric Casillas, Greg Gulvas, Joey Flores, Ben DeBold, Row 2: Juan Rosendo, Joe Curosh, Nick McNinch, Tony Hobson, Coach Micklo.

Sophmore Eric Casillas pushes further toward the finish line.

Senior Joe Curosh (left) and Tony Hobson are honored at this year's pep rally.

Sophmore Juan Rosendo gets ready for the meet by stretching at the nearest park bench.

Senior Joe Curosh and Sophomore Greg Gulvas run as fast as they can as Coach Micklo tells then their time.

'Nothing's gonna stop us now'

A learning process

1995-96
J.V. Volleyball Team Results

Overall 12-10	Lake 10 (4-5)	
Opponent	Date	Result
Lake Station	8/23	W
Lew Wallace	8/24	W
@Merriville	8/28	L
@Wheeler	8/29	L
E.C. Central	9/5	W
Hammond*	9/7	W
@Griffith*	9/12	L
Gary Wirt	9/13	W
Clark*	9/14	L
@Highland*	9/19	L
Morton*	9/21	W
@Lake Central	9/25	W
Bishop Noll*	9/26	L
West Side	9/27	W
Munster*	9/28	L
Gavit*	10/3	L
Roosevelt	10/4	W
Calumet*	10/5	W
@Hanover	10/9	L
@Wash. Twp.	10/11	W
@Horace Mann	10/12	W
@Munster Tourney: 5th Place		
Clark	10/14	L

Kneeling: Hether Buranosky, Co-Captain Lisa Bayless, Adriana Dominguez. Standing: Coach Milch, Jessica Moskalick, Rachael Lyons, Joan Musak, Angela Lopez, Sarah Makis. Not pictured: Kimberly Mikulski.

The Whiting junior varsity volleyball team capped its season with a 12-10 record.

The team consisted of three returning players and seven freshmen whose prospects for the future look rather bright.

The Lady Oilers, during the course of the season, had to overcome the loss of Coach Milch, who suffered a knee injury midway through the season, and as a result, she missed valuable practice time and two games. In her absence, varsity coach, Coach Knazur took over until Coach Milch returned.

Freshman **Sarah Makis** said,"The loss of Coach Milch effected the team somewhat, but we pulled together thanks to the help of Coach Knazur."

Still, the team pulled together, learned the fundamentals of volleyball and finished its season on a positive note. **Coach Knazur** helped to motivate the team during one stretch of the season when she told the ladies that "there is no I in TEAM.' Her other positive words helped bring discipline and togetherness to the squad.

Co-captain junior **Kimberly Mikulski**, along with several other players, helped to make the season successful.

"I think the J.V. team did a great job," Mikulski said. "We played very well together as a team."

One of the highlights of the season occurred against Gary Mann when Mikulski recorded 15 consecutive service points in the second of two games won by Whiting.

The season was a great one," said **Jessica Moskalick**. "I had a lot of great experiences, and I am looking forward to next year."

Lisa Bayless

'Rush Rush'
J.V. breaks even

The Whiting junior varsity football team was always ready for a battle and they proved it in each game.

The Oilers, despite a slow start, were able to finish strong.

Losing the first game of the season to Calumet, Whiting went out the next week and defeated River Forest 38-0. Two more losses followed next against Lake Station and Griffith, respectively, before Whiting's junior varsity squad battled back in its "rush" to the finish. The Oilers completed the season with a 20-0 blow out against Hammond Clark and they knocked out Hammond Gavit 21-7 in the season finale.

Overall, the oilers finished with a 3-3 record, and the experience that was gained will prove valuable when many of the players will make the transition to the varsity level next season.

Already, **Phil Harris** is eager to get started.

"Physically I will need to be stronger and better conditioned," he said. "And mentally, I will need to make no mistakes."

J.R. Ford says he also has to prepare himself better in anticipation of a move to the varsity level.

"I will have to be able to read the opposing teams' offense and defensive schemes a lot better then I normally would on the junior varsity team," he said.

The junior varsity season provided many memories for the players, coaches, students, and fans.

Beth Anne Dybel

The J.V. football team gets a free ride to the sports complex during the homecoming parade.

Freshman Tim Zubeck shows his wide receiving skills.

1995-96
J.V. Football Results

Date	Opponent	Score	W-L
8/31	Calumet	14-28	L
9/5	River Forest	38-0	W
9/11	South Central	18-12	W
9/20	Lake Station	0-40	L
9/28	Gavit	26-24	W
10/5	Griffith	0-46	L
10/12	Clark	28-0	W

'Who says you can't have it all'

Lady Oilers have it all in a tough season

The 1995-96 varsity girls' basketball team had a very interesting season with memorable moments, such as Mr. Laub's 200th career coaching victory, and forgetable moments, such as finishing with a losing record. Said junior **Beth Dybel**, "I think our season went well, but it could have always been better."

Although the team finished with a 9-10 record, a lot of positive things can be found when the season is looked at as a whole. Senior **Kelly Moskalick** averaged nearly 20 points per game and 12 rebounds per game, and she broke the girls' single-game scoring record with a 32-point outburst against Gavit. The record was previously held by Stacie Strabavy, who scored 30 points against Gavit during the 1994-95 season.

When asked about his coaching milestone **Coach Laub** replied, "It's nice to reach a goal, but you then have to set a new goal for yourself, like when I got my 100th victory, my goal became 200 and now that I have that, my goal is 300 wins." At his current pace, Laub would reach 300 wins sometime in the 2005-2006 season, which would be his 30th year as girls varsity head coach.

Kevin Puhek

The 1995-96 Girls Basketball team: (left to right) Kneeling: Ann DeNardo, Lisa Giglio, Nicole DeBold, Beth Dybel, Amy DeNardo. Standing: Coach Paul Laub, Kelly Fritz, Kelly Moskalick, Kelly Vaught, Kim Mikulski, Coleen Carroll.

Kelly Moskalick drives the lane for a pull-up jumper against Gavit.

Coach Laub frantically gives instructions to his team.

Junior Nicole DeBold flips a pass to Beth Dybel.

1995-96 Girls Varsity Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Outcome
11/16	Gavit*	54-48W
11/18	Westville	47-13W
11/21	Highland*	24-57L
11/25	Washington Twp.	51-47W
11/30	Clark*	48-54L
12/7	Munster*	44-72L
12/9	Lake Station	29-25W
12/14	Hammond*	37-43L
12/18	Boone Grove	31-55L
12/21	Bishop Noll*	41-47L
1/6	M.C. Marquette	54-49W
1/8	Clark	52-45W
1/11	Calumet*(Forf.)	02-00W
1/13	LaCrosse	56-31W
1/16	E.C. Central	32-61L
1/18	Motron*	40-42L
1/20	N. Newton	45-60L
1/25	Griffith*	57-43W
*=Lake 10 Conference Game		
Sectionals:		
1/30	Morton	50-56L

Overall Record: 9-10
Lake 10 Record: 3-6
Playoffs:0-1

Senior Coleen Carroll watches the offense develop in front of her as she brings the ball up the floor.

'Hangin Tough'

Oilers struggle through winless season

The Whiting varsity boys' basketball team finished its season without a victory. The season, although, wasn't measured by a simple win-loss record.

Character. Heart. Pride. Dignity. Desire. These are the elements which made the Oilers unbeatable with their fans.

Even though this season wasn't one of the Oilers' best, still they were a very dedicated group of guys. When asked what do you think the team could have done to make the season a better one, senior **Matt Moynihan** said, "I think that if we would have played good basketball during the whole season and not just at the end of the season, then it would have been a more productive year." Sophomore **Eric Casillas** said he was disappointed with the way the season turned out, but he was pleased with the progress he and his teammates made overall. "I thought we improved dramatically since the beginning of the year. Already, the younger guys are like, 'we can't wait until next year.' "

In the beginning of the season, the players proudly displayed shirts which captured the drive and desire of the team. The green T-shirts with white lettering simply said: "The DREAM only becomes a reality when it is the TEAMS DREAM EVERYONE plays with HEART."

Lisa Bayless

1995-95 Varsity Boys' Basketball Team (left to right) standing: Tony Hobson, Matt Moynihan, David Verta, John Kontrik, Nick Smolen, Joe Curosh, Coach Micklo. (left to right) kneeling: Eric Casillas, Jorge DelReal, Nick McNinch, Joe Stanley, Brian Stanley.

1995-95 Varsity Boys' Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Result
11/22	Washington Twp.	42-80L
11/25	River Forest	40-64L
12/1	Calumet*	43-86L
12/8	Morton*	37-90L
12/9	Westville	72-83L
12/12	Culver Military	49-87L
12/15	Highland*	51-96L
Holiday Tournament:		
12/20	Gavit	31-72L
12/22	Clark	26-59L
1/12	Griffith*	55-85L
1/19	Bishop Noll*	37-68L
1/20	North Newton	50-64L
1/26	Clark*	52-55L(ot)
1/27	Lake Station	52-81L
2/2	Munster*	53-92L
2/9	Hammond*	49-105L
2/10	River Forest	47-98L
2/16	Gavit*	50-65L
2/17	Hanover Central	64-70L
2/23	M.C. Marquette	60-68L(ot)
*=Lake 10 Conference game		
Sectionals:		
2/27	Clark	36-80L

Overall Record (0-21)
Lake 10 Conference Record (0-9)
State Tournament Playoffs (0-1)

Matt Moynihan thinks "score" as he attempts his layup.

"Help" Senior Nick Smolen thinks as he looks for someone to pass the ball to.

Being the center of attention Soph. John Kontrik gets ready for the jump ball.

Concentrating on his free throw is our very own double zero Joe Stanley.

" Pass or shoot?" is the confused look on Matt Moynihan's Face.

With Brian Stanley's Assitance Eric Cassilas brings the ball down with care.

'The Weight'

Whiting wrestlers weigh pros and cons of season

Whiting's wrestlers rolled out the mats and prepared themselves for another season of hard work.

Senior **Eric O'Conner** said the season was especially gratifying.

"I think we accomplished a lot," he said. "We worked real hard, and I thought all the hard work in practice paid off. You're not going to get anywhere unless you work hard."

It was also a memorable season for Coach Rebey, because it marked his 30th season coaching the team.

There is more to wrestling than meets the eye. This sport requires a lot of work and self-motivation. The wrestlers practice everyday for at least two hours. Then, afterwards, many of the guys on the team spend additional time working on various moves or lifting weights.

Speaking of putting in time, another group of people that give up their own time is the matmaids. What exactly do the matmaids do, you may wonder?

"The matmaids do a lot for the team," said Senior **Samantha Morando.** "We take stats, do time, and we throw the wretlers towels while they are on the mat. There is so much, that it is hard to just sum up everything we do."

Whether you are a wrestler or a matmaid, you are still part of a team. A team the needs eachother.

Rachel Morgan

After a long match, Joe Rivers starts to lose his strength.

1995-96 Varsity Wrestling Results

Date	Opponent	Result
11/28	River Forest	33-45L
11/28	Mooseheart	51-18W
11/28	North Newton	30-54L
12/5	Griffith*	07-69L
12/7	Munster*	03-72L
12/12	Highland*	18-65L
12/14	Hammond*	24-48L
1/3	Clark*	11-58L
1/3	Hanover Central	21-54L
1/3	West Side	12-62L
1/4	Bishop Noll*	47-12W
1/9	Morton*	06-65L
1/11	Calumet*	00-80L
1/16	Gavit*	04-75L

*=Lake 10 Meet
Overall Record (2-12)
Lake 10 Conference Record (1-8)

Front: J. Furto, J. Snyder, J. Flores, D. Lakes. Middle: E. O'Connor, O. Ruiz, P. Wetnight, J. Tokly, J. Ford, J. Plemons, E. Solis. Back: Mr. Rebey, J. Noujon, M. Toth, J. Rivers, M. Parton, M. Dado, M. Koval, F. Skebia, A Casillas, Mr. Campbell, Ben Rebey.

Dan Lakes works to stay on top.

While being pushed down, J.J. Furto struggles to stay up.

Jimmy Weller starts off his match with a friendly handskake.

Omar Ruiz tries to turn over his opponent.

'We Built This City'

Girls JV gains experience to build on

Even though the 1995-96 JV Girls' Basketball team didn't have a very good record, they learned a lot. "We learned how to play as a team and the importance of working together to improve ourselves. I also learned how to set goals for myself and set my mind to reaching them." said Freshman **Tami Legg**.

The team did not always play well, in fact they were awful at times. "I think we could have done a lot better if we had had more experience, not only basketball wise, but also as far as working together." stated Legg. Experience was a big factor with several freshmen playing key roles for the Oilers, and the addition of new JV head coach/ Varsity assisstant Sarah Vine, who replaced retired coach Bruce Stewart.

The experience that the girls earned this year should help them provide "veteran" leardership for the rest of their high school careers. Said Freshman **Sarah Makis**, "As we get older, our skills will develop and in a year or two, we will have a very strong team." Seems like the Lady Oilers have a bright future ahead of them.

Date	Opponent	Outcome
11/16	Gavit*	15-19L
11/18	Westville	23-18W
11/21	Highland*	11-47L
11/25	Washington Twp.	14-34L
11/30	Clark*	21-27L
12/7	Munster*	12-53L
12/9	Lake Station	24-32L
12/14	Hammond*	22-46L
12/18	Boone Grove	15-27L
12/21	Bishop Noll*	18-49L
1/6	M.C. Marquette	26-36L
1/8	Clark	17-22L
1/11	Calumet *(Forf.)	02-00W
1/13	La Crosse	28-22W
1/16	E.C. Central	22-39L
1/18	Morton*	18-31L
1/25	Griffith*	21-51L

*=Lake 10 game

Overall Record: (3-14)

Lake 10 Record: (1-8)

1995-96 Girls' JV Basketball Team (left to right). Standing: Coach Sara Vine, Michelle Miller, Nicole Protolipac, Elizabeth Fetsis, Melissa Applegate, Sarah Thorpe. Kneeling: Shannon Hemm, Sarah Makis, Tami Legg, Angela Lopez.

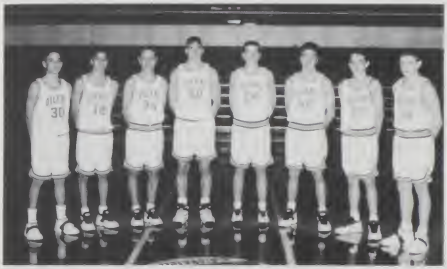
Freshman Angela Lopez looks for an open teammate on a inbounds play against Gavit.

'Don't let it get you down'

J.V. and frosh are very dedicated

The 1995-1996 J.V. and freshmen boys basketball teams may not have had very successful seasons. Still, both teams, despite winning just one game each, proved to be very dedicated and hard working. When Juan Rosendo, who played on the J.V. was asked what he believed needed to be changed to make the season better for the team as a whole, he stated "we need to work more as a team and not as individuals. I think I need to practice harder and take it more seriously." Most of the J.V. players are sophomores, so they still have time to improve before they work their way up to varsity.

Beth Anne Dybel



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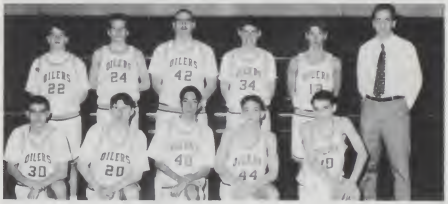


Row 1: Greg Gulvas, Anthony White, Shawn Turpin, John Kontrik, Juan Rosendo, Michael Hoover, David Nicholas McNinch, Eddie White. Hoover. Row 2: Brett Jennings,

1995-96 JV Boys' Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Result
11/22	Washington Twp.	26-36L
11/25	River Forest	28-23W
12/1	Calumet*	27-62L
12/8	Morton*	27-49L
12/9	Westville	43-66L
12/12	Culver Military	26-56L
12/15	Highland*	21-74L
Holiday Tounament:		
12/20	Clark	35-37L
12/22	Gavit	31-60L
1/12	Griffith*	35-50L
1/19	Bishop Noll*	33-34L
1/26	Clark*	20-34L
1/27	Lake Station	24-41L
2/2	Munster*	23-50L
2/9	Hammond*	15-44L
2/10	River Forest	19-39L
2/16	Gavit*	21-31L
2/17	Hanover Central	21-25L
2/23	M.C. Marquette	26-45L

*=Lake 10 Game
Overall Record (1-19)
Lake 10 Conference Record (0-9)

1995-96 Freshman Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Result
11/29	Calumet*	12-28L
12/6	Morton*	35-48L
12/11	River Forest	29-49L
1/10	Griffith*	27-36L
1/17	Bishop Noll*	22-31L
1/24	Clark*	50-33W
1/31	Munster*	25-50L
2/7	Hammond*	23-35L
2/12	Highland*	19-36L
2/14	Gavit*	28-48L

*= Lake 10 Conference Game
Overall Record (1-9)
Lake 10 Conference Record (1-8)

'Centerfield'

Softball team endures and prevails through rough times

This season's softball team may not have had as good a record as past teams, but it showed that they had the same desire to win and the same competetive fire that those past teams had. Unfortunately, this team also had a rash of injuries and academic problems, so the best players may not have been on the field all of the time.

Even with all of the injuries and so forth, the team managed to salvage a .500 record (which means they won 50% of their games). "This season was rough," stated senior second-baseman **Sheryl Stahura**, "we went through ups and downs. As a whole I feel (that) our team's enthusiasm stayed really high and allowed us to battle Bishop Noll in the sectional game."

Some of the bright spots in the season were the six game winning streak to "save" the season, and, of course, Mr. Laub's 200th coaching victory. "Mr. Laub has been a great coach and a good guy, being on the team who gave him his 200th win is a moment that I will always remember.' said Stahura.

Eveyone, of course, will remember that Mr. Laub got his 200th coaching victory in basketball, he is the only active coach in Indiana with 200 wins in two girls sports.

We here at *Reflector* would like to say "Congratulations" to Mr. Laub for his great accomplishment and to the softball team for sticking to it and winning.

Kevin Puhek

1995-96 Varsity Softball Team Results

Opponent	Result	Score
Clark	W	20-5
Clark*	L	5-6
Highland*	L	2-7
M.C. Marquette	W	17-3
M.C. Marquette	L	7-8
Morton*	W	12-8
Hammond*	W	13-2
Kankakee Valley	L	2-9
Griffith*	L	2-4
Calumet*	L	7-10
South Central	W	13-7
Wheeler	L	1-11
Bishop Noll*	L	0-18
Munster*	L	0-1(Forfit)
Wash. Twp.	W	14-4
Chicago Wash.	W	6-5
Gavit*	W	10-2
River Forest	W	10-0
E.C. Central	W	10-0
Hebron	W	12-1
M.C. Marquette	L	2-5
Sectionals:		
Bishop Noll	L	2-5

*=Lake 10 Game
Overall Record: (11-11)
Lake 10 Record: (3-6)

Junior Pitcher Kelly Vaught fires a fastball past an opposing hitter.

Senior Kelly Moskalick takes a big rip at a pitch in a game against River Forest.

1995-96 Varsity Softball Team: (left to right) Standing: Coach Paul Laub, Karen Polak, Kelly Moskalick, Kelly Fritz, Kelly Vaught, Coleen Carroll, Coach Bruce Stewart. Kneeling: Nicole DeBold, Patty Rodriguez, Sheryl Stahura, Lisa Giglio, Sarah Makis.

Senior Third-baseman Kelly Fritz makes the play for another Oiler putout.

'Take Me Out To The Ballgame'

Baseball team building a foundation

This year's 1996 varsity baseball team underwent a major change with Brian Jennings stepping in as the new head coach.

"This is the year we build the foundation," **Coach Jennings** said.

Others on the team think the same.

Sophomore **Mike Nagy** stated, "I think having a new coach is an advantage. He brought in a new attitude toward coaching our team. I think he (Jennings) trys real hard."

"Even though we didn't win, our team has a bright future ahead of us. Coach Jennings along with Coach Klus and Coach Gulvas have worked real hard, hopefully in the future, all the hard work will pay off," Nagy added.

This season may not have been a real promising one, but the team as a whole and also individually, have high aspirations for the upcoming seasons. The 1996 baseball team relied on its youth and the experience they gained this season will be a huge factor in the team's future.

Beth Anne Dybel

1996 Varsity baseball:
SITTING: managers, Kathy Fisher, Wendy Douglas, Elizabeth Koval, KNEELING: Anthony White, Greg Gulvas, Edward White, Josh Sotak, Mike Nagy, Shawn Roberts, Omar Ruiz, STANDING: Coach Gulvas, Coach Klus, Jason Deel, Marc Gulvas, Tom Mchiniewicz, Robert Titus, Nick Smolen, Anthony Dumezich, Jospeh Balind, Luis Dominguez, Coach Jennings.

Sophomore pitcher, Mike Nagy, shows us his great form as he is ready to release the ball.

Coach Jennings gives Omar Ruiz a handshake after a good inning.

The varsity baseball team gathers together as coach Jennings gives them some words of encouragement.

Freshman catcher, Jason Deel, attempts to throw out a runner at second.

Sophomore Joe Balind finds the perfect pitch to give him a base hit.

Senior first baseman, Nick Smolen catches an infield fly in order to put the runner automatically out.

'Slam'

The tennis team serves up a year of success

Since 1994, Whiting's tennis team has made some major changes. This being the third year that the tennis team has existed, the team have improved greatly. Then, not to mention the fact that the team has not had it easy this year. Almost eary match was rescheduled or rained out. On some days, the team played two matches, back-to-back.

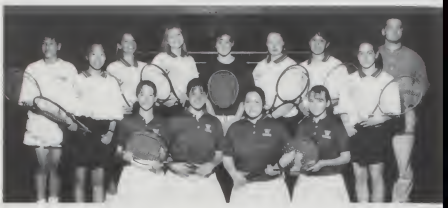
Even though se took a step back from first to second singles, **Heather Trojnar** compiled a very impressive record. Trojnar said she was thankful that all her hard work paid off.

"The one thing that kept me going was the winning," she said. "I liked the feel of it. I just thought if I could do it once, then I could do it again."

Trojnar offered some beneficial advise to younger players. "Work hard, and even if you don't see a difference, be patient and keep practicing."

Practice, practice, practice!!! It seems that's all the team does. But, you know what they say, "Practice makes perfect."

Rachel Morgan



Front: J. Musak, L. Fetsis, A, Gollnick, K. Hayes Back: L. Martinez, L. Pham, E. Stahura, L. Banazsak, T. Legg, K. Bogs, L. Roman, A. DeNardo, Coach Campbell.

Lisa Banaszak runs in an attempt to hit the ball.

1995-95 Varsity Tennis Results

Date	Opponent	Result
3/30	Gary Tourney	W, 4-1
4/2	Griffith*	L, 1-4
4/4	Lew Wallace	W, 5-0
4/12	E.C. Tourney	L, 2-3
4/13	E.C. Tourney	W, 4-1
4/17	Gary Wirt	W, 5-0
4/18	River Forest	L, 1-4
4/22	Bishop Noll*	L, 0-5
4/24	Hammond High*	W, 5-0
4/30	Morton*	W, 5-0
5/2	Calumet*	W, 4-1
5/4	Hanover Central	W, 3-2
5/7	Conf. Tourney	L, 0-5
5/8	Conf. Tourney	L, 2-3
5/17	Sectionals	L, 2-3

Overall Record: (8-7)
Conference Record: (3-2)

Leaping into a serve, Heather Trojnar swings her racket to hit the ball with force.

'Sure Shot'

The golf team practices hard to get a hole in one

In order to perform at a high level in the sport of golf, it requires a tremendous amount of pratice, and, of course, patience, because improvement tends to be a slow process.

Jason Earl discovered some years ago what is required to be a successful golfer, and this season he made it all come together by qualifying for the Lake Central Sectional at the Lake Hills Golf Club. Earl, the team's medalist throughout the year, helped to lead a young Whiting varsity golf team to a 2-9 dual meet record. The Oilers also placed eighth in the Lake 10 Conference meet.

Expectations will be higher next season with juniors Jimmy Weller and Joe Holtrop returning, and promising freshman J.J. Furto back for a another year.

1995-96 Varsity Golf Team Results

Date	Opponent	Result
4/12	Calumet*	W
4/15	Morton*	L
4/19	Highland*	L
4/23	Griffith*	L
4/26	Bishop Noll*	L
4/29	Clark*	L
5/1	Lake Station	L
5/2	Munster*	L
5/6	Hammond High*	L
5/9	Gavit*	L
5/16	Conf.. Invite	8th
5/21	Gary Wirt	W
5/31	Sectionals	11th

Overall Record: (2-9)
Conference Record: (1-8)

The 1995-96 Boys Golf Team. Front: Tom Callas, Mike Tolekis, Joe Holtrop, Brent Jennings, J.J. Furto. Back: Jim Weller, Nick McNinch, Jason Earl, Tony Hobson, Mike Toth, Maury Raycroft and Coach Terry Adams.

Senior Jason Earl prepares to drive the ball in a match earlier in the season.

'It's A She Thang'

Cheerleaders take 1st at camp

No longer do girls with short skirts, booby socks, and bouncy ponytails characterize a cheerleader. Now a cheerleader spends countless hours practicing during the summer and season for upcoming games. Part of the training also involves three hard, yet fun-filled days at summer camp. This year's highlight of summer camp was when the varsity squad participated in the sideline competition and took first-place honors. Also at the camp, the girls were able to try-out for camp All-Stars, in which the girls who are picked were given the opportunity to go to London to march in the New Years Day Parade and perform in dozens of other cheerleading activities planned for the week-long event. Two girls from this year's varsity squad tried-out, senior winner Sheryl Stahura and junior Beth Dybel. When **Sheryl Stahura** was asked how she felt when she received the honor, she said: "I was very excited, especially since this was the first time I ever received an award for cheerleading." On Dec. 26, 1995, Sheryl left for London. She spent one week there and when she was asked what the highlight of her trip was and what her most memorable moment was, she said: "The highlight of my trip was the New Years Day Parade, which featured 3,000 other cheerleaders. I will always remember all the friendships I made. The parade was an experience I will never forget."

This year's varsity squad consisted of five seniors and one junior, all with a year or more of varsity cheerleading experience. These girls worked very hard all year -- over a 10-month time span. The style of cheerleading has changed dramatically these past few years, said **Melissa Matuska.** "I definitely feel that cheerleading at WHS has changed for the better," she said. "The style of cheering that I experienced during my freshman and sophomore years was very out-dated. Now our cheers are modern, professional, and similar to college cheering. I feel the improvement has made the WHS cheering squad one of the best in the area."

To enable these cheerleaders to be so well prepared, they practiced sometimes three times a week for maybe three or more hours. Cheerleading requires more dedication than most people had previously imagined. Not only did the cheerleaders spend a great deal of time improving their skills, but they were also susceptible to injury, like any other athlete. Cheerleaders are often victims of a lot criticism, by the way they talk and act. But, after all, cheerleading is just a 'She Thang.' Well, at least at Whiting.

Elizabeth Dybel

Row 1: Michelle Deel, Row 2: Sheryl Stahura, Beth Dybel, Row 3: Jennifer Kovacik, Shannon Wright, Melissa Matuska.

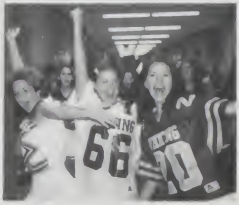
Varsity captains get together to take a quick picture.

Senior Michelle Deel shows us her balancing act.

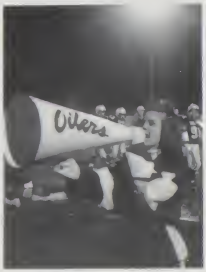
After a touchdown the varsity cheerleaders strike a pose.

Senior Sheryl Stahura takes a break to sit in a "chair."

Senior Melissa Matuska shows us her jump preparation.



The varsity cheerleaders lead the homecoming parade through the halls.



Senior Jennifer Kovacik shows us her ability to use the megaphone.

Senior Shannon Wright and junior Beth Dybel Show us the Oilers are #1!

At halftime the cheerleaders go to perform their weekly "hello" cheer.

Junior Beth Dybel takes a minute to pose for a picture.

'Jump Around'

J.V. and frosh cheerleaders prove themselves to be athletes

If you don't think cheerleaders are athletes, then you've really missed the game. No matter what you think, cheering is much harder than it looks. This is why cheerleaders are athletes because they make all the jumping, cheering, throwing, and flying (the cheering term used that means being lifted) look so easy. It takes a lot of hard work and practice to make it all fit together. Throughout the entire year, cheerleaders are practicing and preparing for the season. The cheerleaders also went to camp during the summer. When **Tiffany Sanchez** was asked what her biggest memory was of the 1995-1996 cheerleading season she replied, "During football season when the J.V. football team played Clark, we won. We got to ride the bus back with the guys and we all went crazy. I will never forget that game. It was so much fun." To sum it up, extra effort and hard work really makes cheerleaders athletes.

Beth Anne Dybel

Row 1: Tiffany Sanchez, Row 2: Anastasha Abrego, Shannon Hemm, Row 3: Tami Fisher, Coach Naomi Irvine, Katie Farmer.

Row 1: Tiffany Svitko, Holly Kosalko, Row 2: Melissa Adkins, Coach Naomi Irvine Tina Bishop, Row 3: Jacqueline Matejko, Mandy Meyers

'It's A Groove Thang'

W.H.S. Poms make a big debut

A new edition to our Whiting High School band is the pom-pon squad. These dancing Oilers worked hard the whole year adding a little 'Groove Thang' to our annual Fourth of July parade, Homecoming parade, and weekly home football and basketball games. These girls were part of the pre-game with the band and cheerleaders. Also during basketball season, they showed us what they were made of and danced at most of our varsity home games. Overall, this dedicated and enthusiastic group of girls had a great time performing for the fans at the games. Senior **Leticia Roman** was asked what needed to be changed to improve the poms program. "I think we needed more money so that we could have had nicer uniforms and maybe some special effects with a different variety of music," she said. "I think with this being our first year, we had a very good season." Senior **Tina Alaniz** was asked what she considered her most memorable moment as a member of the squad. "The time when the tape messed up and we couldn't dance," she said. "We were just standing there." These girls came out at halftime and proved to the parents, students, and teachers that anything is possible.

Beth Anne Dybel

Row 1: Denise Lopez, Tina Alaniz, Brandy Garcia, Eileen Stahura, Jenny Rodriguez, Sarah Paez, Victoria Soto. Row 2: Leticia Roman, Mandy Meyers, Margaret Edge, Joan Musak, Jessica Earl, Carolina Fernandez, Melissa Delavega.

At a basketball game, the Whiting High poms squad ends their dance to "100% pure love."

'Count On Me'

Statistics are both helpful and reliable

Boys Basketball Managers: Jeannie Fusner, Brandy Garcia, Jackie Matejko, Kathy Fisher, and Lisa Bayless.

You may have wondered why you have seen these students at every baseball, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, softball, or football game. You may see these same students carrying waterbottles or keeping statistics. These students are managers, stat people, and mat maids, and they play a very important role on the teams they work with. Being associated with a sports team, it gives the students an opportunity to follow a sport, and, more importantly, to get involved.

Lisa Bayless

Varsity Volleyball: Kevin Puhek, Lisa Giglio, and Jayson Knazur.

Varsity Boys Basketball: Lisa Giglio, Coleen Carroll, and Kelly Fritz.

Football Managers: Kathy Fisher, Lisa Zubeck, Mauricio Rosendo.

Girls Basketball: Kevin Puhek, Tammy Fisher, Melissa Adkins, Jessica Moskalick, Liz Martinez, Aimee Gollnick, Adrienne DeLuna, And Eileen Stahura.

'SOMETHING TO REMEMBER'

Whiting High School students finish another memorable year

It seems like just yesterday we were preparing for our first day of school, but the 1995-96 school year quickly came to an end. The smiles of the graduating class reflect the many memories of their final year of high school. The juniors breathe a sigh of relief upon completing a very successful prom. The sophomores wrap up a year full of fundraising and the freshmen end their first experience of high school. As we clean out our lockers and hand in our books, pause for a second or two to think about the good times and the bad times we shared with our friends and teachers, we know that these are the memories we will cherish for eternity.

Gina Dado & Leticia Roman

Look at the WHS clock! It's **3:05**, time to close another year at Whiting High School!

Sophomore Amanda Irvine shows her disapproval of ending another football season.

Students take a break from the mind-boggling SAT class.

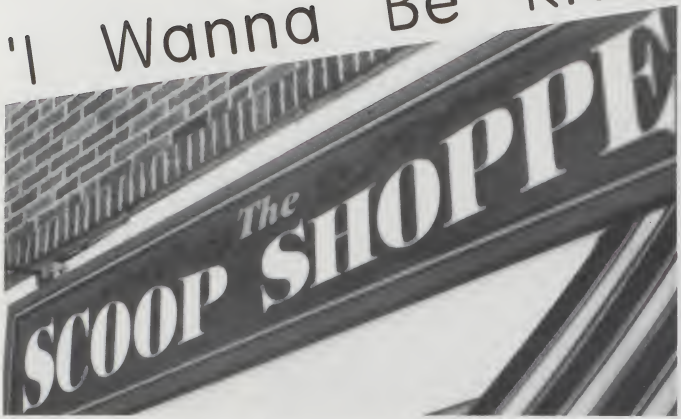
Freshman Gino Urbina says "see ya" to junior Kelly Vaught and senior Robbie Titus to mingle with other prom-goers.

Capturing memories at prom is senior Randy Andersen.

Looking enthused, as always, in calculus class is senior Coleen Carroll.

Junior Aimee Gollnick talks to her friend fellow junior Adrienne DeLuna in the "mighty" junior hallway.

'I Wanna Be Rich'



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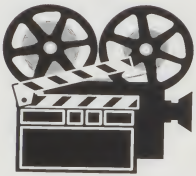

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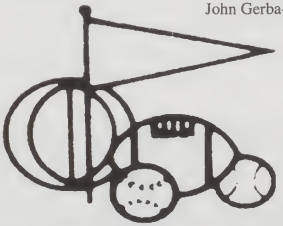

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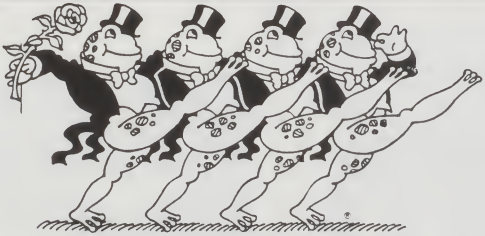

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With the completion of another yearbook comes the acknowledgements. This year is a triumph for the history of *Reflector* and Whiting High School because it is the 75th anniversary of *Reflector*. Like the previous 74 years, producing a yearbook is rewarding yet stressful. With the departure of last year's advisor, Miss Carolyn Brown, we had to adjust to our new advisor, Mr. Jeff Foss. We also had "old" staff members leaving due to schedule changes and new faces arriving. Talk about chaos and confusion! This is where our thank you's begin. We would like to thank veterans Gina Dado and Kevin Puhek for helping us "break in" the new staff and for their overall help throughout the year. Gina, your dedication and yearbook skills are priceless and Kevin, your computer skills are always appreciated. Thank you two for so much! Thank you to the new staff (even though they're not "new" anymore). Without their work and cooperation we would not have had a yearbook. Things were rough in the beginning and even throughout the year, but despite our differences, we all knew what had to be done and did it. Thanks to our staff! Thank you to Mr. Foss, our advisor. Even though you are more of the "newspaper man" than yearbook, you always lent a helping hand. Congratulations on your first year as a teacher and advisor. We are still amazed at your ability to stay cool at deadlines!

Outside of our staff and advisor, we would like to give a BIG thanks to our Herff Jones representative Susan Taylor. Thank you for all the great ideas on the yearbook. You kept us working right up to every deadline and helped with our budget. Even when we irritated you, you still cracked a smile. We couldn't have done it without you. Mr. John Taylor, our Olan Mills photographer, deserves a thank you too. What would we do without team pictures, mugshots, and informal pics? Without pictures, there is no yearbook. We appreciate him as well as the Olin Mills secretary, Lela, who was always helpful in locating lost pictures and getting us whatever we needed. So thank you, Mr. Taylor, Lela, and the whole Olin Mills staff.

The WHS office and teachers deserve our gratitude for bearing with us. Our visits to the office inquiring questions and depositing money were never turned away. The teachers who let us do *Reflector* work during their classtime are appreciated also. Speaking of teachers, we are going to miss Mr. Raymond Zubeck, who will be retiring this year. He taught for 35 years at WHS. Of the 35 years, he served as athletic director for 24. Mr. Zubeck taught a variety of subjects such as P.E. and Health and Social Studies. His career as a coach is also as varied. They include being the head football coach, girls' and boys' track, boys' swimming, and assistant boys' basketball coach. Mr. Zubeck has been a significant contributor to WHS and will be missed.

Now to the WHS students who bought a yearbook, thank you and enjoy this fine piece of work! Without students buying yearbooks, posing for pics, playing sports, etc., a yearbook is useless. We put our time and hearts into producing this yearbook and hope you guys will certainly enjoy it as much as we did working on it. There is always something exciting and sad at the same time when you're looking through a yearbook. It's exciting to see what page(s) you and your friends are on and remember the good times and sad to know those times may only happen once. We have tried to capture those moments in this yearbook. May you relive those times with every page you turn. So enjoy the *Reflector* and good luck in the future.

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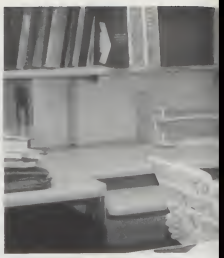
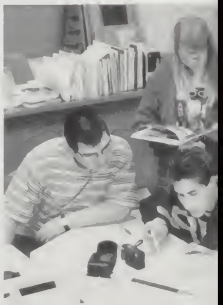
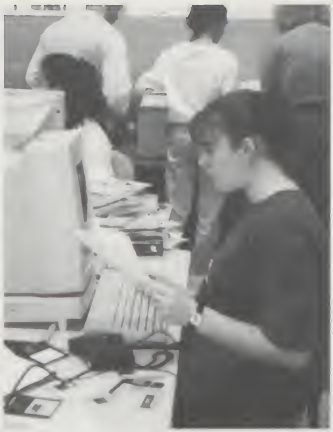


Gina Dado takes time out to smile for the camera.



Typing away is another staff writer Rachel Morgan.

The *Reflector* staff are a closeknit bunch.



Lisa Bayless hurries to finish her layout.

Mr. Zubeck stands near his "teaching helper" for the last time.

Ads Manager Jayson Knazur busily tries to balance the budget.

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